



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Bujumbura (Burundi), Continued Terrorist Threat in Burundi

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This Emergency Message is to alert all U.S. citizens living in Burundi of heightened security concerns that regional terror groups remain actively interested in attacking U.S. and other Western and local interests in Burundi. U.S. Embassy Bujumbura has received specific information leading to concern about potential activity in early December, including, but not limited to, the Kajaga neighborhood and its associated restaurants and beach resorts. The U.S. Embassy has placed the Kajaga neighborhood and associated restaurants and beach clubs off limits to Embassy personnel until further notice.

U.S. citizens should also exercise caution if visiting these areas, and take the following measures: Avoid large public gatherings, especially those with no visible security presence. Review personal security plans and be prepared to enact those plans. Be alert for suspicious activity. Remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Keep your cell phone charged and with you at all times. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

U.S. Embassy Bujumbura strongly recommends that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Burundi enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Burundi.

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Burundi located on the corner of Avenue des Etats-Unis and Avenue du Cinquantenaire in Bujumbura, at +257-22-20-7000, 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +257-22-20-7318, or +257-79-93-88-41.

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