



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Warsaw (Poland), Smoleensk Tragedy Commemorations on December 10

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U.S. Embassy Warsaw informs U.S. citizens that multiple scheduled demonstrations, events, and counter-demonstrations commemorating the Smoleensk tragedy will take place in Warsaw on Saturday, December 10. Media reports suggest there is a potential for confrontation between these groups.

Who: Several thousand participants, with different numbers at different times of day, including: Law and Justice Party (PiS) supporters, Smoleensk Families Supporters, Obywatele RP (Citizens of the Republic of Poland), and Stowarzyszenie Obywatele Solidarniew Akcji – OSA (Citizens Collectively in Action Association).

What: Religious marches, gatherings, and other events in front of the Presidential Palace and in the Old Town area.

When: Saturday, December 10, 2016, between 6:00 a.m. and midnight

Where: Old Town, Krakowskie Przedmiecie, and Karowa Street

We remind U.S. citizens to exercise caution in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can be unpredictable and may escalate into violence. Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, monitor local news for updates, maintain a high level of vigilance, and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For more information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, the Travel Warnings, and the Europe Travel Alert, and read the Country Specific Information for Poland.

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