

U.S. CITIZEN SERVICES

U.S. Embassy – Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire

Warden Message – Cote d’Ivoire WM Airport Closing

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Abidjan International Airport, and land and maritime borders in Cote d’Ivoire, remain closed following last night’s announcement by the Constitutional Council that it considers the provisional results of the Independent Electoral Commission invalid. There has been election-related violence in various sectors of Abidjan, resulting in serious injury and deaths, apparently the result of clashes between rival political groups. Although foreigners are generally not being targeted, there were reports of two European election observers who were beaten by government forces.

The U.S. Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens in Cote d’Ivoire continue to limit non-essential movements, shelter in place, or move to a safe haven if you feel you can do this safely. Embassy personnel have been asked to comply with the curfew currently in place from 19:00 each evening until 6:00 in the morning. We strongly suggest that all U.S. citizens comply as well. You should check your email frequently for Embassy security messages and remain current on media coverage of local events. Be aware of your surroundings at all times and exercise extreme caution when traveling outside your homes or safe havens.

Please ensure that your personal data that your contact and personal information is up-to-date, by enrolling in the Smart Travelers Enrollment Program (STEP). Get Embassy updates by checking the Consular pages on the U.S. Embassy Abidjan website at <http://abidjan.usembassy.gov/travelregist.html>. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to Abjamcit@state.gov . In emergencies and for urgent security matters, you can call the Embassy switchboard at 225-22-49-40-00; the emergency after-hours telephone is: +225-22-49-44-50.

The U.S. Embassy is located in the Riviera Golf neighborhood of the Cocody section of Abidjan, east of the downtown area. The Embassy’s postal address is 01 B.P. 1712 Abidjan 01.