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U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal  
Warden Message: Security Precautions

As of May 2011, it was reported that terrorist organizations in West Africa affiliated with al-Qa'ida, will seek to capture or kill U.S. citizens in the region, possibly from locations frequented by Westerners, including markets, shops, hotels and restaurants, in revenge for the death of Usama bin Laden. We advise U.S. citizens traveling in the region to exercise caution, to maintain a low profile, and to avoid areas frequented by foreigners or tourists.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Dakar website (<http://dakar.usembassy.gov/>). Travel information is also available at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

For information on "What the Department of State Can and Can't Do in a Crisis," please visit the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). For further information on specific countries, U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information pages, Travel Alerts, and Travel Warnings at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) as well as the Worldwide Caution.

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. 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 [consulardakar@state.gov](mailto:consulardakar@state.gov). The Embassy telephone number is (221) 33 829-2100. For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call (221) 33-829-2109 and ask to speak with the duty officer.