

**Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens – Ezeiza Airport Blockade**  
**February 2, 2012**

Dear U.S. Citizen:

Local media is reporting that traffic flow to Ezeiza airport in Buenos Aires has been partly blockaded by striking workers. Therefore, the Embassy encourages all U.S. citizens using Ezeiza airport to check news reports or with their airline for more information.

U.S. citizens should be reminded that demonstrations are common in metropolitan Buenos Aires and occur in other major cities as well. Protesters on occasion block streets, highways, and major intersections, causing traffic jams and delaying travel. While demonstrations are usually nonviolent, some individuals break from larger groups and sometimes seek confrontation with the police and vandalize private property. Groups occasionally protest in front of the U.S. Embassy and U.S.-affiliated businesses. U.S. citizens should take common-sense precautions and avoid gatherings or any other event where crowds have congregated to protest. Information about the location of possible demonstrations is available from a variety of sources, including the local media.

U.S. citizens in Argentina are encouraged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). Those enrolled in STEP receive Messages and Emergency Messages for U.S. citizens. These messages are placed on our website at the same time that they are sent via email to STEP enrollees. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll in person at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenida Colombia 4300 in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires (near the Plaza Italia stop on the "D" line subway). The main Embassy switchboard telephone is (54) (11) 5777-4533. Recorded consular information, including instructions on whom to contact in case of a U.S. citizen emergency, is available at tel. (54) (11) 4514-1830. The main Embassy fax is (54) (11) 5777-4240. The Consular Section fax is (54) (11) 5777-4293. The Consular Section is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on U.S. and Argentine holidays. Additional information on Embassy services is available by e-mail: [BuenosAires-ACS@state.gov](mailto:BuenosAires-ACS@state.gov).

Updated information on travel and security in Argentina may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, on 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 U.S. federal holidays). For further information, please consult the [Embassy website](#), the [Country Specific Information for Argentina](#), as well as the [Worldwide Caution](#). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which also contains current [Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#), and download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

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