

Message for U.S. Citizens: Nationwide Warning System Tests
October 2, 2015

The U.S. Embassy in Vienna informs U.S. citizens that on Saturday, October 3, between 12:00 p.m. and 12:45 p.m., Austrian authorities will conduct their annual nationwide test of the country's warning and alerting system. Please see the [notice](#) from the Austrian Ministry of Interior for details on the types of sirens that you will hear.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Austria enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). 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 U.S. Embassy. Regularly monitor the [State Department's travel website](#), where you can find current Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the [Worldwide Caution](#). Read the [Country Specific Information for Austria](#). For additional information, refer to the [Traveler's Checklist](#) on the State Department's website. Contact the U.S. Embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). The U.S. Embassy's Consular Section in Vienna is located at Parkring 12a, 4th Floor 1010 Vienna, Austria. To reach the American Citizens Services unit during business hours, please call 31-339-7535, or e-mail us at ConsulateVienna@state.gov. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance outside business hours, **the after-hours emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +43 1-31-339-0.**