UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL BARCELONA, SPAIN
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations during Mobile World Congress
Friday, February 19, 2016

Consulate General Barcelona informs U.S. citizens that the Mobile World Congress will take place at the Fira Barcelona Gran Via located at Plaça d'Europa beginning Friday, February 19, until Friday, February 26. Daily demonstrations are expected to take place throughout the day. Some demonstrations and protests will affect the immediate area surrounding the Mobile World Congress venue whereas others will disrupt other parts of the city.

This specific event attracts extensive media attention and draws thousands of exhibitors, sponsors, and participants. Different groups throughout the city of Barcelona may take advantage of this opportunity to stage demonstrations, rallies, or parades to advance various causes.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Public transportation may experience interrupted service all week due to planned general strikes by transportation employees. The media have already published information regarding these strikes. For more information, please click the link below.

http://www.tmb.cat/en/estat-del-servei/-/estat-del-servei/novetats/2016-avis-aturada-parcial-bus

For further information:

- See the **State Department's travel website** for the **Worldwide Caution**, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and ***Spain Country Specific Information***.
- Enroll in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program** (**STEP**)to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- The U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona, Spain, located at Paseo Reina Elisenda de Montcada, 25, 08034 Barcelona, at +(34) (93) 280-2227, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. Citizens is +(34) (91) 587-2200.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
- Follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.

The following are contact numbers and email addresses for the Consulate General in Barcelona as well as the Embassy in Madrid.

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