

UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM Security Message for U.S. Citizens:

Upcoming demonstration in Brussels

October 7, 2015

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens that the following demonstrations are expected in Brussels. Police will maintain order.

On October 7, 2015 from 08:30 to 16:00 hours there will be a National Unions demonstration involving all Belgian Unions against the reforming and antisocial measures adopted by the Federal Government. They will assemble between 08:00 and 10:30 at the North Station (blue on map), and start marching via Blvd. Albert II, Place Rogier, Jardin Botanique, Blvd Pacheco, Blvd de Berlaimont, Cantersteen, Blvd de l'Empereur, Rue des Bogards, Blvd. M. Lemonnier to the Midi Station (red on map). The end and dispersion of the demonstration will be from 14:00 till 16:00. Approximately 100,000 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

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.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Belgium 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 or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#) where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Belgium if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, Read the [Country Specific Information for Belgium](#). For additional information, refer to [Traveler's Check list](#)

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within 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).

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The U.S. Embassy in Brussels is located at Blvd du Regent 27, 1000 Brussels and is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except U.S. federal and Belgian holidays). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is: 02-811.4000.

