

UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM

Security/Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens:

Protests in Brussels

On September 24 and 25, 2014.

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens that protests will occur on September 24 and 25, in Brussels.

Recurring protest in support of Kurdish activists will take place near the Embassy of France / Blvd. Regent 42 on September 24 from 16:00 to 17:00 hours. Approximately 50 people are expected to participate. Belgian police will be present. In red on map.

A Vigil in support of human rights in Iraq and Syria will take place near Place Luxembourg / EU Parliament on September 25 from 12:00 to 16:00 hours. Approximately 50 people are expected to attend. Belgian police will be present. In blue on map.

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) at <https://step.state.gov/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 at <http://travel.state.gov>, 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 at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html. For additional information, refer to "[Travelers Checklist](#)" On the Travel.State.Gov website.

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: +32(0)2-811-4000.

