

# **UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM**

## **Security Message for U.S. Citizens:**

### **Protests in Brussels**

### **On October 24 and 25, 2014.**

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

#### Friday, October 24, 2014, from 17:30 to 18:30 hours

- Who: Approximately 50 persons
- What: Vigil in support of prisoners in French jails
- Where: Near Embassy of France / Regentlaan 42 (in Green)

#### Saturday, October 25, 2014, Time unspecified (Likely afternoon)

- Who: As many as 400 protesters
- What: Possible rally in support of social welfare
- Where: Near PM's office / Wetstraat 16 (in Red)

#### Saturday, October 25, 2014, from 16:00 to 17:00 hours

- Who: Approximately 80 persons
- What: Protest in support of human rights in Algeria
- Where: Place Luxembourg / near EU Parliament (in Blue)

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 Checklist](#).

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.

