

UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM

Security/Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens:

Events and Demonstrations in Brussels

September 8, 2014.

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens that two protests will occur on September 8, in Brussels.

A vigil in support of Ukrainian independence is from 15:00 to 17:00 hours at Schuman Circle. Approximately 20 people are expected to attend. Belgian police will be present. In blue on map.

A demonstration in support of animal welfare will be held at the Place Luxembourg, red on the map, from 16:30 to 18:30 hours. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend. Belgian 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) 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 "[Traveler's 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.



