

## UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM

### Demonstration Notice:

#### Upcoming Protests in Brussels

May 12, 2016

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

On May 13, 2016 from 07:00 to 12:00 a protest against TTIP agreements (<http://waronwant.org/what-ttip>) will be held at the EUC/Berlaymont building (in **RED**). Approximately 100 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 14, 2016 from 13:00 to 16:00 a protest for solidarity with Palestine is being organized by the Palestinian community at Place de la Monnaie (in **BLUE**). Approximately 150 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 14, 2016 from 08:00 to 24:00 the Gay Pride Festival (<http://pride.be/en>) will be held in downtown Brussels (in MULTIPLE COLORS). Approximately 100,000 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 15, 2016 unions are protesting against "Plan Peeters" (Federal Minister of Labor) at the Central Station (in **GREEN**). Approximately 100 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 16, 2016 from 14:00 to 16:00 the Turkish community will hold a protest for human rights at the Turkish Embassy, Rue Montoyer (in **PURPLE**). Approximately 250 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 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.

