

**UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM**

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

**Upcoming Protests in Brussels**

**May 4, 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 5, 2016 from 18:00 to 20:00 a protest against political prisoners in Burundi will be held at Place Albertine (in **RED**). Approximately 150 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 7, 2016 from 13:00 to 14:00 a protest for democracy is being organized by the KOD (Polish Komitet Obrony Demokracji) at Schuman Square (in **BLUE**). Approximately 200 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 7, 2016 from 12:00 to 23:00 a gathering to support diversity will be organized at La Bourse (in **GREEN**). Approximately 500 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

On May 7 and May 8, 2016 the Iris Festival will take place:  
<http://www.brussels.be/artdet.cfm?agendaId=1173&id=4843>.

On May 8, 2016 from 15:00 to 17:00 "Parents en Colère" (Angry Parents) will hold a protest against organizing the gay pride parade at the Place Albertine (in **RED**). Approximately 100 people will attend.

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.

