

U.S. Embassy Brazzaville, Congo
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Security Update for the Weekend
December 20, 2013

Given the ongoing security concerns in Brazzaville, the Embassy would like to remind all [U.S. citizens](#) to take precautions this weekend. The Embassy has advised its staff and urges all [U.S. citizens](#) to avoid driving in front of COL Ntsourou's residence (two houses down from the Maison D'Arret) for the next few days. The Embassy has advised its staff and advises all [U.S. citizens](#) to return home before midnight from tonight through Sunday December 22 2013. We encourage you to stock some extra food and water at your home in case it is needed.

We strongly encourage all [U.S. citizens](#) to keep their [U.S.](#) passports with them at all times this weekend.

There are reports of unexploded ordnance in the area surrounding the Maison D'Arret. The Embassy believes the military is in the process of cleaning up the ordnance and urges everyone to be aware of its potential presence. Should you encounter any munitions, alert the authorities and do not attempt to handle such material yourself.

As a normal security precaution, keep your phones charged and with you at all times. The Embassy will continue to monitor the situation and report any significant updates.

All U.S. citizens in the Republic of Congo are urged to register online at the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). Registering gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within the Congo and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the website of the [U.S. Embassy in The Republic of the Congo](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Warnings](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and [Country Specific Information](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the ACS Nairobi page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Google Play](#) store, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy is located on Boulevard Denis Sassou Nguesso across from the Blanche Gomez Maternity Hospital. The Consular Section is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Consular section can be reached via e-mail at BrazzavilleACS@state.gov, and our daytime telephone number is (+242) 06 612-2046. For after-hours emergencies, call (+242) 05 526-0673.