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U.S. Embassy Paris, France
Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
Demonstrations in France on May 1, 2016

The U.S. Embassy in France informs U.S. citizens that several national unions across a variety of sectors intend to hold demonstrations against proposed labor reforms on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

In Paris, protesters will gather at Place de la Bastille at 3:00pm before marching to Place de la Nation.

Other demonstrations will likely take place throughout France. Planned demonstrations in other cities reportedly include the following:

- Bordeaux 10:00am Place de la République
- Lille 1:00pm Halluin
- Lyon 1:00pm Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Manufacture des Tabacs and
Place Bellecour
- Marseille 10:00am Place Joliette
- Strasbourg 10:30am Place Kléber

Even 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.

For further information about security in France:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [France Country Specific Information](#).
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- Contact the U.S. Embassy in France, located at 4, Avenue Gabriel, Paris, +33 (1) 43 12 22 22, 9:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Friday.
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