

## Security Message for U.S. Citizens

A protest is planned for the Place de la Republic in Paris on the border of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> arrondissements on the afternoon of Saturday June 7 in support of 18 year old student, Clément Méric who was beaten to death on June 6, 2013 during a confrontation between the group Action Anti-Fascists and Neo-Nazi skinheads. Police will be present in the area and are anticipating 5,000-7,000 protestors. This protest may involve violence and as always U.S. Citizens are advised to avoid the area of the protest.

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The Department of State urges U.S. citizens living overseas or planning to travel abroad to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). When you enroll in STEP, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. Enrolling will also make it easier for the Embassy to contact you in the event of an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date; it is particularly important when you enroll or update your information to include a current phone number and e-mail address.

U.S. citizens are strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance, be aware of local events, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. For additional information, please refer to [Traveler's Checklist](#).

U.S. government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert. These facilities may temporarily close or periodically suspend public services to assess their security posture. In those instances, U.S. embassies and consulates will make every effort to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens abroad are urged to monitor the local news and maintain contact with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

As the Department of State continues to develop information on potential security threats to U.S. citizens overseas, it shares credible threat information through its [Consular Information Program](#) documents, including Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, Country Specific Information, and Emergency and Security Messages, all of which are available on the Bureau of [Consular Affairs website](#). Stay up to date by bookmarking our [website](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well.

In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These

numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

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