

U.S. Consulate General Guayaquil  
Security Message for U.S. Citizens  
Protests in Guayaquil on September 17, 2014

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil informs U.S. citizens traveling and living in the region that protests are taking place today in downtown Guayaquil, near the Malecon and the Governor's Office. The groups are protesting against the Labor Code law currently being discussed in the National Assembly, the eventual increase in public transportation costs, the passing of the Hydro-Resources Law, and in support of free tuition to public universities.

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. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to enroll through the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program ([step.state.gov](http://step.state.gov)) in order to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution on the State Department's website [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. If calling from the United States, add the 011 prefix for an international long distance line. Appointments for ACS are available through our website [ecuador.usembassy.gov](http://ecuador.usembassy.gov). Email contact is available during business hours at [ACSQuito@state.gov](mailto:ACSQuito@state.gov). Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. For after-hours emergencies, contact the Embassy at (593-2) 398-5200.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at Avenida Jose Rodriguez Bonin and Calle Santa Ana in the San Eduardo neighborhood. The telephone

number for U.S. citizen inquiries is (011-593-4) 371-7000 from the United States, or (04) 371-7000 from within Ecuador, available 24 hours a day. Email contact is available during business hours at [ACSGuayaquil@state.gov](mailto:ACSGuayaquil@state.gov).