

United States Consulate Hermosillo, Mexico

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Increase in Reports of Highway Robberies in Northern Sinaloa

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The U.S. Consulate in Hermosillo notes an increase in the number of reports of highway robberies in northern Sinaloa. Criminals patrolling Highway 15 between the toll booths located 21 and 38 kilometers north of Culiacan monitor the toll booths to identify potential targets and alert their partners down the road. They appear to be targeting individuals displaying valuable items, including expensive jewelry and electronics. Most criminal activity occurs between 6:00 P.M. and sunrise.

The Consulate continues to recommend deferring all non-essential travel to Sinaloa (with the exception of Mazatlan). If you choose to travel to Sinaloa in a personal vehicle, do not travel at night and avoid displaying valuables.

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.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Mexico enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at www.Travel.State.Gov. 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 Mexico), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Mexico](#). For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website

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 in 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). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Consulate in Hermosillo is located at Calle Monterrey #141 and is open from 8:00AM-4:30PM (+52-1-662-289-3500). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Consulate is +52-1-662-256-0741.