

U.S. Embassy Nouakchott, Mauritania
Security Message for U.S. Citizens - Events in Mali and Effects on Neighboring
Countries
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The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens in Mauritania to remain vigilant in light of recent events in neighboring Mali and the potential for retaliatory actions towards Westerners in the region. The U.S. Embassy recommends U.S. citizens in Mauritania review the current [Worldwide Caution](#), specifically the portion on West Africa, and the recent [Travel Warning for Mali](#) available on travel.state.gov.

There is currently no specific information on threats against U.S. citizens in Mauritania. It is prudent to be aware of events occurring in neighboring countries. As a precaution, U.S. citizens in Mauritania should exercise caution when in public areas, particularly areas frequented by westerners such as: hotels, nightclubs, and various forms of public transportation including ferries. Stay tuned to media reports, be aware of your surroundings, and report suspicious activity or unattended packages to the police. As always, avoid demonstrations should you come upon them.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Nouakchott](#) website. 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 Warning](#), Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android](#) marketplace, 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, 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).

If you are going to live in or travel to Mauritania, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up

to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott is located between the Presidency building and the Spanish Embassy on Rue Abdallaye and is open Sunday-Thursday from 8:00-5:00. The phone number is 45 25 26 60. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is 36 62 81 63. In the event of an emergency that interrupts mobile phone (SMS) or Internet communication in Mauritania, U.S. citizens may call the Embassy's dedicated Consular emergency recording at 45 25 37 07 to receive the most up-to-date instructions.