



United States Consulate General Merida, Mexico  
Consular Section

## **Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Demonstration in Merida**

*Dated September 26, 2012*

According to social media outlets there will be a planned protest today, September 26, 2012 at 6:00 PM in “Plaza Grande” (the central square in downtown Merida). The protest is against proposed amendments to the Mexican labor law.

Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say. It is illegal in Mexico for foreigners to participate in demonstrations. If you take part in one, you may be arrested.

If you received this email it means you are registered with us. Encourage your American friends, family, neighbors, and others you know to register with us. American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Consulate General in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, has responsibility for the Mexican states of Quintana Roo, Yucatan, and Campeche. The Consulate can be reached during its regular business hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) by telephone at 999-942-5700; by fax at 999-942-5777; and by email at [meridacons@state.gov](mailto:meridacons@state.gov). After hours, for emergencies involving U.S. citizens, call the Consulate’s main number and follow instructions to be connected to the Merida duty officer.

CONSULATE GENERAL MERIDA (Calle 60 No. 338-K x 29 y 31, Colonia Alcala Martin, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico)

Main switchboard dialing from the US: 011-52-999-942-5700

Main switchboard dialing from outside Merida but within Mexico: 01-999-942-5700

Thank you.

Consular Section, U.S. Consulate General Merida