

Security Message for U.S. Citizens in Nogales
May 10, 2013

Today, May 10, 2013, at approximately 12:30 PM, an unescorted Municipal Police unit was traveling from a Nogales courthouse with three federal prisoners. Six heavily armed individuals intercepted the police unit, freed one of the prisoners, and fled the scene. The incident took place approximately one block from U.S. Consulate General Nogales. No shots were fired during the incident and no injuries were reported. Local authorities have placed checkpoints throughout Nogales with the intent to restrict the movement of the armed individuals and the fugitive.

In light of this event, the Consulate recommends that you review your personal security plan(s); 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. Additionally, you are reminded that if gunfire occurs, you should take shelter in your home or workplace and stay clear of all doors and windows

In order to receive the most current security information available, the U.S. Consulate General in Nogales encourages all United States Citizens living in or visiting northern Sonora to “Follow Us” on Twitter, or “Like Us” on Facebook. The Consulate will use Twitter and Facebook to disseminate regular and time sensitive information related to the security situation in northern Sonora.

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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 General in Nogales is located at Calle San José s/n Fraccionamiento los Alamos C. P. 84065 Nogales, Sonora and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The main phone number for the U.S. Consulate General is 631-311-8150. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Consulate General is 631-318-0723