

**Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Protests in Asuncion**  
**U.S. Embassy Asuncion, Paraguay**  
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As the current political process in Paraguay unfolds, U.S. citizens are strongly urged to avoid any large gatherings or events where crowds have congregated, and should consider avoiding the downtown area of Asuncion for the next few days. While demonstrations and protests are generally peaceful in Paraguay, they can turn violent quickly. These protests and demonstrations could result in road closures. If you find yourself near a demonstration or protest, leave the area immediately.

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U.S. citizens who travel to or reside in Paraguay are encouraged to enroll in the [State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By enrolling, you make it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact you in case of an emergency.

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