

**U.S. Embassy Quito, Ecuador**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**Countrywide Protests August 10-August 14, 2015**  
**August 7, 2015**

The U.S. Embassy in Quito would like to inform U.S. citizens throughout Ecuador that various indigenous and labor groups are planning marches and protests during the week of August 10, 2015, which is Ecuador's Independence Day. Groups from throughout Ecuador are already marching to Quito to join the protests, and are expected to begin arriving in Quito as early as Tuesday, August 12. The main protest activity is scheduled for August 13 in Quito; however, protests may also occur on additional days and in other Ecuadorian cities. Travelers may encounter roads blocked by police or by protesters, and vehicle travel into, out of, and within Quito may be impeded, and it may be advisable to avoid public transportation.

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens residing in or traveling to Ecuador, particularly Quito, to remain alert and informed via local news sources regarding areas where demonstrations may be occurring and to avoid the areas near the demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

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We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Ecuador enroll in the Department of State's **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program**. 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, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read **the Country Specific Information for Ecuador**. For additional information, please refer to our "**Traveler's Checklist**" page. Updated information on travel and security in

Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

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- Within the same city and from a land line use the last seven digits.
- For calls from a mobile phone and for intercity telephone calls add the city code preceded by a 0.

Dialing instructions from the United States:

- Add the 011 prefix for an international long distance line.

For after-hours emergencies, call the phone numbers listed above for assistance.