

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Demonstration Planned this Afternoon in Downtown Quito

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The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens visiting or residing in the Quito area that this afternoon at around 4:00 p.m., a demonstration is planned in downtown Quito. The march will be carried out by a variety of groups including unions and students and will take place from the Social Security Building to the Municipal building in downtown Quito.

The Social Security Building is located on 10 de Agosto across from Parque Arbolito and the Municipal building is located in the Plaza Grande. It is unknown how many individuals will participate in this march, but American citizens can anticipate traffic congestion in the vicinity of the protest. The participants will be protesting against the Mayor of Quito's proposed tax plans for the district of Quito.

American citizens are urged to avoid demonstrations if possible and to exercise caution when in the surrounding areas. The U.S. Embassy reminds American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Please note that foreigners participating in political demonstrations or protests of any kind may be subject to arrest and deportation under Ecuadorian law.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.