

Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador
Holiday Weekend Safety
November 1, 2011

The U.S. Embassy in Quito informs U.S. citizens living or traveling in Ecuador that the U.S. Embassy will be closed on Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 3 in observance of Ecuadorian holidays. Emergency U.S. citizen services only will be available on Friday, November 4.

During the long weekend there is expected to be an increased volume of travelers on the roads. U.S. citizens are reminded that increased criminal activity is usually associated with the long weekend. U.S. citizens are also encouraged to avoid large gatherings, remain vigilant, and exercise caution at all times while traveling.

Many people take this opportunity of a long weekend to travel throughout Ecuador. Beach and tourist destinations see increased attendance. Due to the large volume of travelers, U.S. citizens are encouraged to begin interprovincial travel early and to expect delays. Further, because of the increased traffic, U.S. citizens are encouraged to have your vehicle serviced prior to commencing a long road trip and maintain the proper emergency supplies in your vehicle.

As always, you can find more information at our website: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/service.html>

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to enroll with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

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 website](#). 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 telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries 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.
- For after-hours emergencies, contact the Embassy at (011 593-2) 398-5200.
- Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

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).

- The telephone number for ACS inquiries is (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

Anyone can follow the activities of the U.S. Embassy in Ecuador through the [Embassy website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).