

Security Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Marches and Road Closures Possible Throughout Ecuador

Beginning March 8th and Culminating on March 22nd, 2012

March 6, 2012

The [U.S. Embassy in Quito](#) advises U.S. citizens living or traveling in Ecuador of a possible series of protest marches and demonstrations throughout the country, culminating in Quito. Demonstrators have announced that they will be making their way to Quito, beginning on March 8, using public transportation or on foot. There may be disruptions in service on public transportation and on major roadways. March organizers plan to arrive in Quito on March 22, creating the possibility of large demonstrations and roadway blockages in the city, particularly near the presidential palace and other government buildings. Be aware of possible public transportation interruptions, possible road closures, and the probability of large crowds.

Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say. A reminder, for local emergencies dial 101.

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, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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