

**U.S. Embassy Moscow, Russia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens**

**Russia Day: Demonstrations and Anticipated Traffic Disruptions
Throughout Russia**



June 12, 2012

The U.S. Embassy has learned of a political opposition rally beginning at PUSHKIN SQUARE at approximately **12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 12**. An estimated 20,000 participants will gather at the Square on Tverskaya Ulitsa and will march down Strastnoy, Petrovsky, and Rozhdestvensky Boulevards, ending at Akademika Sakharov Boulevard. At **3:00 pm**, the opposition will hold a rally on Sakharov Prospekt. Please see the map below, showing the route from Point A to Point B.

While violence is not expected, there is always the potential for confrontations between protestors and police forces. Additionally, such large gatherings can cause significant traffic disruptions. U.S. citizens should also be aware of the possibility for counter-demonstrations and spontaneous protests appearing throughout the Moscow region, as well as a larger-than-usual police presence to monitor all activities.

The Embassy offers information about travel to Russia on our [website](#), and we also encourage you to read the [Country-Specific Information for the Russian Federation](#) provided by the Department of State. Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which contains the current [Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts](#) as well as the [Worldwide Caution](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well.

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If you are a U.S. citizen with an after-hours emergency, please call our after-hours hotline at: (7) (495) 728-5000. The following are the after-hours emergency contact for U.S. Consulates within the Russian Federation:

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