

**United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Personal Safety**  
**March 16, 2015**

U.S. Embassy Dakar received a report of a home burglary of an embassy employee over the weekend. We are sending this message to remind U.S. citizens to notify the embassy at [DakarACS@state.gov](mailto:DakarACS@state.gov) in the event that you hear of burglaries or other crimes occurring in areas that you frequent and to:

1. Lock your doors, whether you are home or away (it is a good practice to double check that your doors are locked before going to bed).
2. Not leave your key in your door.
3. Use residential alarms if available.

The U.S. Embassy Dakar also recently received a report of an embassy employee's passport, bank cards, and other documents being stolen from the personal bag on the shoulder of an arriving traveler at the international airport. As is the case for other locations, please remain aware of your surroundings, maintain a high level of vigilance, and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security at all locations.

We strongly recommend U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives 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.

In addition, if you wish to participate in the optional SMS/text messaging program to receive security notices via text message, please send an email to [DakarACS@state.gov](mailto:DakarACS@state.gov) for additional information.

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 Senegal and neighboring countries. For additional information, refer to the [Traveler's Checklist](#) on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 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). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +221 33 879 4444.

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