



U.S. Embassy Ljubljana, Slovenia

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Pride Parade in Ljubljana on June 15

The 2013 Ljubljana Pride Festival started June 8, and will culminate this Saturday, June 15, with a march starting at 1 pm at Metelkova City, near the train station. Participants will march from Metelkova through Slovenska Street and conclude the parade with a rally at Kongresni Trg lasting until 5 pm. Although a small group of participants is expected (400 last year), this event carries the potential for the risk of violence, since sporadic attacks against LGBT persons have occurred during the week-long festival in the past.

We encourage U.S. citizens to take caution and exercise appropriate security measures. Be aware of your surroundings. Even gatherings intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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](#), the [Worldwide Caution](#) and the [Country Specific Information](#) for Slovenia.

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling in Slovenia to [register with the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to obtain updated information on travel and security within Slovenia. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana.

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The [U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana](#) is located at Presernova 31. The American Citizens Services Unit telephone number is (386) 1-200-5595. For after-hours emergencies, the number is (386) 1-200-5500.