



***Embassy of the United States of America
Madrid, Spain***

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Terror Alert Level in Spain

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The Government of Spain has recently increased its assessed level of the threat of a terrorist attack in Spain from “medium” to “high.” The Ministry of the Interior (MOI) maintains a terror alert level on a scale of one (“low”) to five (“very high”). On June 26, 2015 the MOI announced it had raised the alert level from three (“medium”) to four (“high”) meaning, for example increased security in areas that would possibly be targeted by terrorists, such as embassies, airports, train stations, and centers of critical infrastructure. Unannounced police checkpoints could also occur on highways and roads throughout the country at any time and without notice, so U.S. citizens should be prepared to appropriately identify themselves to police upon request.

Although the Government of Spain cites no specific threat of any type, the U.S. Embassy takes this opportunity to remind citizens of the continuing threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens throughout the world, and to maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to increase security awareness, as described in the Worldwide Caution issued in January 2015: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/worldwide-caution.html>

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Spain Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain, located at Calle Serrano 75, 28006 Madrid, at +34 91 587 2200, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +34 91 587 2200. Contact the U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona, Spain, located at Paseo Reina Elisenda de Montcada, 25, 08034 Barcelona, at +(34) (93) 280-2227, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. Citizens is +(34) (91) 587-2200.

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