



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

**Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations
April 16th, 2015**

DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR April 17 – 24, 2015.

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The Government Delegation in Madrid has authorized the following demonstrations.

DATE	DURATION	ORGANIZERS	PURPOSE OF PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATION	LOCATION
04/17/15	11:00 – 12:30	Sec Sind Ayto Madrid UGT	Against social, labor cuts etc	Plaza de la Villa, Mayor, Bailén, Plaza de la Villa
04/18/15	18:00 – 20:30	Confederación Regional Madrid CGT	Against the Free Trade Agreement between the E.U. and the U.S.	Plaza Neptuno, Paseo Prado, Cibeles, Alcalá, Puerta del Sol
04/19/15	10:30 – 15:30	Asoc Cultural Socialismo Libertario	Against the recent events of the Islamic State	Plaza de Jacinto Benavente
04/19/15	12:00 – 13:00	Asociación Pedalibre	Celebrating International Bicycle Day	Plaza de Cibeles (Esplanade)
04/19/15	12:00 – 15:00	Movimiento Español – Venezolano “Antipodemos”	To reject the political Party “Podemos”	Montera, Gran Vía, Plaza de España
04/19/15	17:00 – 19:00	Asociación Antitaurina Sin Fronteras	Anti-bullfighting Demonstration	Paseo Castellana 46, Plaza de Colón

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04/20/15	10:00 – 13:00	Asociación Marea Negra	To support the rights of Private Security workers etc	Pza Emperador Carlos V, Prado, Cibeles, Castellana, Fernando el Santo, Amador de los Ríos (Home Office)
04/21/15	12:00 – 14:00	Partido “Podemos”	Informative Assembly	Puerta del Sol
04/23/15	11:00 – 13:00	Sindicato Unificado de Seguridad Privada	Against the new reforms in the field of Private Security etc	Paseo Castellana 7. (Home Office)
04/24/15	19:00 – 21:00	Asoc Vecinos Carabanchel Alto	“Against the looting of Madrid”	Callao, Preciados, P.del Sol Cra San Jerónimo, Sevilla, Alcalá, Plaza Cibeles
04/24/15	10:30 – 12:30	Sec Sind Ayto Madrid UGT	Against social, labor cuts etc	Alcala 45, Cibeles, Alcalá, Barquillo
04/24/15	12:00 – 13:00	Fed Servicios Ciudadanía CCOO	Against cuts in Public Services	Sevilla, Alcala, Gran Vía, Sevilla
04/24/15	18:30 – 19:00	Asoc Hogis Mitqs	Centennial. Remembering the Armenian genocide etc	San Bernardo 79 (Church), Plaza de España

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review the "[Traveler’s Checklist](#)" which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

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](#) as well as [Country Specific Information for Spain](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well.

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