

Security Message for U.S. Citizens in Russia
December 2, 2011

This security message is to remind U.S. citizens to exercise caution in public areas, in light of planned demonstrations on December 4, Russian parliamentary election day.

U.S. citizens should be aware of a number of large-scale demonstrations planned on or around Sunday, December 4. U.S. citizens also should be aware of the possibility for counter-demonstrations and spontaneous demonstrations to appear without notice, as well as a larger-than-usual police presence to monitor these activities. Please note the following guidance from the U.S. Department of State's [Country-Specific Information Sheet for the Russian Federation](#): "U.S. citizens should avoid all public demonstrations, whether properly authorized by local officials or not, and avoid any large crowds and public gatherings that lack enhanced security measures."

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Consulate General's website -- <http://stpetersburg.usconsulate.gov> -- and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website -- www.travel.state.gov -- where current Worldwide Cautions, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except for U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg is located at 15 Furshatskaya Street. You may contact our American Citizen Services Unit by e-mail at StPetersburgACS@state.gov, by fax at 7-812-331-2646 or by telephone at 7- 812- 331-2600. If you have an emergency after normal business hours, please call our telephone number and you will be given instruction on how to contact the Consulate Duty Officer.