



United States Embassy Stockholm, Sweden
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Update on ongoing Protests in Stockholm
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On Sunday, May 19, more than 100 cars were set on fire in the northern Stockholm suburb of Husby by local rioters in protest over a police shooting. Similar incidents occurred on the nights of May 20-23, spreading into other areas near Stockholm. Swedish police have made several arrests and consider the situation contained. However, due to the potential escalation of the riots, the U.S. Embassy cautions U.S. citizens to avoid the following areas during the next several evenings: Husby, Tensta, Kista, Rinkeby, Fittja, Jakobsberg, Solna-Hagalund, Sollentuna, Skogås, Hagsätra, Skarpnäck, Vårberg, Skärholmen, Jordbro, Fruängen, Salem, Farsta, Rågsved, Bredäng and Älvsjö. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. We recommend that U.S. citizens avoid the areas where such demonstrations are occurring if possible, and, as always, exercise caution in the vicinity of any parades or protests. We also advise you to stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of your surroundings at all times.