

## United States Embassy Brussels, Belgium

### Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Belgium has elevated its national 1-4 threat level from 2 (heightened caution) to 3 (probable attack)

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As reported in the press, Belgian police conducted a raid and several searches of buildings in Verviers and the Brussels area the evening of January 15. The raid in Verviers resulted in the deaths of two suspected terrorists. Belgium has elevated its national 1-4 threat level from 2 (heightened caution) to 3 (probable attack).

Given recent events, we urge all Americans to be aware of the increased threat level in Belgium and to take the precautions suggested in our standing worldwide guidance.

You can also get global updates at the [U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android](#) marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Belgium, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program- STEP](#). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located at Regentlaan 27 Boulevard du Régent, B-1000 Brussels. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, outside of business hours, the emergency after-hours number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is (+32)(0)2-811-4000. Website: <http://belgium.usembassy.gov/>