

UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM

Security Message for U.S. Citizens:

Upcoming Protest in Brussels

May 31, 2016

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens that the following protest is expected in Brussels. Police will maintain order.

On May 31, 2016 from 11:00 to 15:00 a National protest march against the current government is being organized by the unions from the North Station to Place Albertine (in **RED**). People are assembling from 9:30 to 11:00 at the North Station. The protest march starts at 11:00 along the following route: North Station, small ring road, Place Madou, US Embassy and Porte de Namur to Place Albertine. The end of the protest march is scheduled at 15:00 at Place Albertine. Approximately 10,000 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

Demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Belgium enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#) where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Belgium if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, Read the [Country Specific Information for Belgium](#). For additional information, refer to [Traveler's Checklist](#).

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 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).

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The U.S. Embassy in Brussels is located at Blvd du Regent 27, 1000 Brussels and is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except U.S. federal and Belgian holidays). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is: 02-811-4000.

