

**U.S. Consulate General Yekaterinburg, Russia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens –
Planned March and Demonstration in Yekaterinburg
January 31, 2015**

U.S. citizens should be aware that Yekaterinburg city authorities have issued a permit for a march and demonstration on 31 January in Yekaterinburg intended, among other things, to protest U.S. policy.

Up to 500 participants are expected, and a significant police presence is expected along the route of the march and at the start and end points. Due to the potential for violence, the Consulate General strongly recommends that U.S. citizens avoid the gathering point, end point and the march route. Additional assemblies are also possible and spontaneous gatherings and/or counter demonstrations may occur without advance warning.

The march will begin at the junction of Prospect Lenina and Voevodyna Street and proceed via Pushkina Street and Gogolya Street to end at 23 Gogolya Street adjacent to the U.S. Consulate General building at 15 Gogolya Street. The proposed start time is 1:00 p.m., with the march to the Consulate at approximately 2:00 p.m., and the rally to continue at 23 Gogolya Street until 5:00 p.m.

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."

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Russia 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 at <http://travel.state.gov>, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for [Russia](#). For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or Consulates General for up-to-date information on

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*The U.S. Consulate General in **Yekaterinburg** is located at 15 Gogol Street and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, +7 (343) 379-3001. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Consulate General Yekaterinburg is 8 (917) 569 3549.*

U.S. citizens with questions or concerns may contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the Embassy or the Consulates General for further information:

- U.S. Embassy Moscow is located at 21 Novinsky Blvd., Moscow and is open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; telephone (7) (495) 728-5577. For after hours emergencies, please call (7) (495) 728-5000.*
- U.S. Consulate General St. Petersburg is located at 15 Furshtatskaya Street and is open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; telephone (7) (812) 331-2600. For after hours emergencies, please call (812) 331-2600.*
- U.S. Consulate General Vladivostok is located at 32 Pushkinskaya Street and is open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; telephone (7) (4232) 30-00-70. For after hours emergencies, please call (7) (914) 791-0067.*