

United States Embassy Lusaka, Zambia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Political Rallies and Demonstrations

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The U.S. Embassy would like to remind all U.S. citizens that political rallies or demonstrations may occur without significant notice throughout Zambia, particularly in the lead up to the Zambian presidential election on January 20, 2015.

U.S. citizens are reminded that otherwise peaceful public rallies have the potential to turn confrontational or escalate into violence. You should stay alert, avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution in the vicinity of any large gathering, protest, or demonstration.

Peaceful gatherings may also lead to significant traffic congestion and road closures. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates on political rallies and traffic disruptions. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

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

To receive SMS notices about security updates, ensure your current mobile phone number is in STEP or contact the Consular section via email at ACSLusaka@state.gov for assistance.

Regularly monitor the State [Department's website](http://www.State.gov), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Zambia](#). For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. Embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in 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). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Lusaka is located on Ibex Hill and is open Monday through Thursday from 0730 to 1730 and on Fridays from 0730 to 1130. The Consular Section can be contacted at 0211-357-000 or via email at ACSLusaka@state.gov. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +260 (0) 966-877-805.**