

United States Embassy Lusaka, Zambia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
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Demonstrations in Lusaka

The U.S. Embassy has received reports that police have deployed tear gas in response to student demonstrations in Lusaka in the vicinity of Arcades shopping center and the University of Zambia main campus. Police anticipate that sporadic demonstrations will continue along Great East Road. Students are protesting the government's modifications to the maize and fuel subsidies.

We remind U.S. citizens that even peaceful demonstrations can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are, therefore, urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of demonstrations. U.S. citizens are advised to stay current with news media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy in Zambia website](#). 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 for Zambia](#). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at the Bureau of Consular Affairs page or download our free Smart Traveler App for iPhone and Android to have travel information at your fingertips. If you do not have Internet access, you can obtain current information about safety and security by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or, for callers from other countries, a regular toll line 1-202-501-4444. Respondents are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Zambia, 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Lusaka is located on Ibex Hill Road, Lusaka. The Consular Section can be contacted at 0211-357-000 or via email at ACSLusaka@state.gov. For assistance after hours or in an emergency, you can contact us at 0211-357-000 or 0966-877-805.