

U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Zambia
Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens
August 26, 2011

Political Unrest – Downtown Lusaka

The U.S. Embassy has received reports that political party cadres have engaged in violent clashes today in downtown Lusaka. The Embassy's American Center at the COMESA building downtown has closed today.

U.S. citizens are strongly urged to avoid the downtown area until the situation calms. U.S. citizens in Zambia are reminded that there is a potential for violence leading up to and immediately following the elections on September 20, 2011. For further information, see the U.S. Department of State's [Travel Alert for Zambia](#).

U.S. citizens can obtain Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy, Zambia web site](#) (<http://zambia.usembassy.gov>). You can also obtain 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](#). If you do not have Internet access, you may contact the call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on 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 federal holidays).

If your contact information has changed, please update your information with the Embassy via the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP) (<http://travel.state.gov/step>) – formerly known as the Internet Based Registration Service (IBRS). It is important to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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