

UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM

Security/Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens:

Events and Demonstrations in Brussels

May 17 and 18, 2014.

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens that various events and protest will occur on May 17 and 18, in Brussels.

The protest on May 17 in support of union demands will begin at 11:00 at Parc Cinquantenaire and will end at 14:00. Belgian police will be present. Map is attached.

The Annual Pride Parade for solidarity and equality will take place on May 17 and starts from 13:00 to 17:00 (map attached). An undetermined number of marchers is expected. Belgian policy will be present.

On May 18, a large numbers of runners and spectators are expected for the Annual Brussels 20km run/race. See map attached for the course route. The event starts from 10:00 and ends at 15:00. Belgian 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) at <https://step.state.gov/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, (including the Travel Warning for Belgium if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, Read the Country Specific Information for Belgium at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html. For additional information, refer to "[Travelers Checklist](#)" on the Travel.State.Gov website.

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: +32(0)2-811-4000.

