

**U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Zambia**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**June 20, 2012**

**General Security Reminder**

The U.S. Embassy has received recent reports of incidents of violent crime in Lusaka. Historically, most incidents of this type have occurred after dark, but this is not always the case.

The U.S. Embassy would like to remind U.S. citizens of the following precautions:

- Avoid walking alone outside after dark.
- While driving, keep your vehicle doors locked and your windows closed.
- If someone attempts to stop you while you are driving, either by hand motioning or by using their vehicle to slow you down or block your path, get away from the situation.
- If at any time you believe you are being followed, either by a vehicle or a person on foot, immediately drive to the nearest police station or other public area. Do not drive to your residence and do not attempt to enter your residential gate and risk leaving yourself with no exit. Maintain sufficient space in front of or behind your vehicle to allow an escape route.

Under such circumstances, your priority should be to get away from the situation; i.e., to ensure your personal safety. If possible, get a physical description of any suspicious person, or the license plate number and description of any suspicious vehicle. Please contact the local police and notify the U.S. Embassy after seeking refuge.

The local equivalent to the “911” emergency line in Zambia is 999. Police response, particularly outside major cities, may be delayed due to a lack of vehicles and other resources.

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You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy in Zambia web site](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs Web site](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information for Zambia](#). Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well, or download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have Internet access, you can obtain current information about safety and security can also be obtained 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. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

The Embassy cannot prevent you from traveling to locations despite a Travel Warning. For your personal safety and security and the peace of mind of your family and friends, it is useful for you to notify us in advance of your travel plans via the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP).

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](mailto:ACSLusaka@state.gov). For assistance after hours or in an emergency, you can contact us at 0211-357-000 or 0966-877-805.