

United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Recent Crime Incidents on the Corniche
February 20, 2015

U.S. Embassy Dakar received reports of three recent criminal attacks against U.S. citizens on the Corniche.

1. A U.S. citizen was robbed at knifepoint and slightly injured while walking along the Corniche in the vicinity of the Mosque of the Divinity at approximately 2:30 a.m. on February 14.
2. An individual with a knife attempted to rob a second U.S. citizen on the beach side of the Corniche between International School of Dakar (ISD) and Ebbets Field. This incident took place sometime between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on February 17. When passing motorists honked their horns, the perpetrator released the victim and fled the scene.
3. We have an unconfirmed report of a third individual with a knife who robbed a U.S. citizen between ISD and Ebbets Field at approximately 8:00 p.m. on February 18. The victim complied with the demand for her purse and was unharmed in the attack.

The Corniche remains off limits to U.S. Embassy personnel during the hours of darkness since January 2014. Embassy Dakar continues to recommend that individuals walk along the side of Corniche, away from the beach side (east side) during daylight hours. In the past, perpetrators have used the beach access points as routes of access and escape to/from the Corniche. Use the other side of the street and maintain a high level of personal awareness when walking in this area.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

We strongly recommend U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives 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.

In addition, if you wish to participate in the optional SMS/text messaging program to receive security notices via text message, please send an email to DakarACS@state.gov for additional information.

Regularly monitor the State Department's [website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and the [Worldwide Caution](#). Read the [Country Specific Information](#) for Senegal and neighboring countries. For additional information, refer to the [Traveler's Checklist](#) on the State Department's 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 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 Dakar is located on Route des Almadies and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +221 33 879 4444.