

**United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal**  
**Message for U.S. Citizens: SMS/text Messaging System**  
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The U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal is pleased to announce it will be re-launching a new SMS/text messaging system in the coming months. This system will allow us to disseminate security and emergency information via text messages to U.S. citizens in our district. By responding to this email and providing the information below, individuals are able to opt-in to receive text messages from a third-party provider. You must already be enrolled in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) in order to participate.

Please note that if you chose to participate in the program, your information will be shared with a third-party cellular service provider. Although the U.S. Embassy has taken precautions in selecting the provider, it cannot guarantee that Personally Identifiable Information and other information protected by the Privacy Act will not be subject to unauthorized use or disclosure by the third-party provider.

Moreover, there may be additional monetary costs associated with using SMS/text messaging, including but not limited to receiving text messages and/or roaming, which will not be reimbursed by the U.S. government. Please direct any cost-related questions to your cellular service provider.

If you are interested in participating in this SMS/text message system, please respond to this email and provide the following information. Please note that if you do not respond, you will not receive SMS/text messages even if you have previously signed up for the program in the past; you **MUST** opt-in again if you wish to continue participating in this program.

**First name:**

**Middle name:**

**Last name:**

**Date of birth:**

**Mobile phone number to receive SMS/text message:**

**Estimated date of departure from Senegal:**

Please note that participating in this program is optional. Individuals who are enrolled in STEP who do not opt-in will still receive messages through the current notification system.

For any questions please email [DakarACS@state.gov](mailto:DakarACS@state.gov).

Kind regards,

U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal

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*services. Any costs associated with the use of SMS text services are the sole responsibility of the user.\**