U.S. Embassy Kampala, Uganda

Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
9/11 Anniversary and Ongoing Terrorist Threats

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U.S. Embassy Kampala alerts U.S. citizens of the upcoming anniversary of 9/11 and the ongoing potential for terrorist attacks in Uganda. We also caution U.S. citizens of the possibility of retaliatory attacks in Uganda by al-Shabaab in response to the U.S. and Ugandan military actions in Somalia last week that killed al-Shabaab leader Ahmed Godane. U.S. Embassy Kampala wishes to remind U.S. citizens of the continued threat of potential terrorist attacks in the country. The targets for these attacks could include hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, shopping malls, diplomatic missions, transportation hubs, religious institutions, government offices, or public transportation.

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 such as varying your daily routines and avoiding crowded locations.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Uganda enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at www.Travel.State.Gov. 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, where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts. Read the Country Specific Information for Uganda. For additional information, refer to the “Traveler’s Checklist” on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Kampala website. 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.

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