U.S. Embassy Kampala, Uganda
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Holiday Security Reminder

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U.S. Embassy Kampala wishes to remind U.S. citizens to be vigilant during the upcoming holiday season and of the continued threat of potential terrorist attacks in the country. The targets for these attacks could include large gatherings at hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, shopping malls, and diplomatic missions. U.S. citizens are encouraged to review their personal security plans, remain aware of their surroundings, and monitor local events.

Consider the following security tips when traveling around Uganda during the holiday season:

• Remember that crowds are very dynamic and that security situations can change quickly in large gatherings, with the potential to escalate into violence with little advance notice. Have an exit plan.
• Know the nearest "safe areas"- such as the nearest police station.
• Avoid areas of protests or demonstrations.
• Take extra precautions when driving through crowds. Always keep windows up and doors locked. Plan your route in advance to avoid expected areas of congestion and chokepoints. Maintain space to maneuver in traffic. Park only in controlled, safe locations.
• Ensure you and your family members know what to do in an emergency.

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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