The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Uganda to be vigilant during the upcoming holiday season and of the continued threat of potential terrorist attacks, as noted in the Worldwide Travel Alert of November 23. The targets for these types of attacks may include large gatherings, hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, shopping malls, and diplomatic missions. U.S. citizens should 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:

- Avoid areas of protests or demonstrations. Crowds are dynamic, and security situations can change quickly. Large gatherings have the potential to escalate into violence with little advance notice.
- Know the nearest "safe areas," such as the nearest police station.
- Take extra precautions when driving through crowds. Keep windows up and doors locked. Plan the route in advance to avoid expected areas of congestion and chokepoints. Maintain space to maneuver in traffic. Park only in controlled, safe locations.
- Create a family emergency plan.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Uganda.

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Kampala, located on Plot 1577 Ggaba Road, at +256 (0) (414) 306 001, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday – Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. You can also contact the Embassy by email at KampalaUSCitizen@state.gov.

- After hours emergency numbers in Uganda for U.S. citizens are +256 (0) (414) 306 001 / +256 (0) (312) 306 001 / +265 (0) (414) 259 791.

- You can also call the Consular Affairs bureau 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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