As the anniversary of September 11 approaches, U.S. citizens are cautioned to maintain vigilance in the face of the worldwide threat of terrorist attacks against U.S. interests and the ongoing threat of attacks in Uganda from al-Shabaab. As stated in the Department of State's March 2016 Worldwide Caution, "Current information suggests ISIL, al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, al-Shabaab, and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in multiple regions."

We recommend that U.S. citizens review their personal security plans, maintain a high level of vigilance at all times, and take appropriate steps to enhance personal security by varying daily routines and avoiding crowded locations. Maintain situational awareness when frequenting hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, shopping malls, foreign diplomatic missions, religious institutions, government offices, public transportation, or transportation hubs. Report any suspicious activities or security incidents immediately to local police.

For further information:

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

- 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 at Plot 1577 Ggaba Road P.O. Box 7007, at tel.+(256)(0) 414-306-001 and +(256)(0)312-306-001, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, or by email at KampalaUScitizen@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, please call +(256)(0) 414-306-001 and +(256)(0)312-306-001

- Call 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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