

Embassy of the United States Sana'a, Yemen

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Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: February 8, 2015

Due to ongoing security concerns in Yemen, U.S. Embassy Sanaa has suspended all consular services until further notice. For now, we ask U.S. citizens in need of emergency assistance to contact a U.S. embassy or consulate in a neighboring country. U.S. Embassy Sanaa is continuously analyzing the security conditions in Yemen; please check this website for updates.

The U.S. State Department warns U.S. citizens of the high security threat level in Yemen due to terrorist activities and civil unrest. The Department urges U.S. citizens not to travel to Yemen. U.S. citizens still in Yemen should make plans to depart immediately. U.S. citizens seeking to depart Yemen are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Travelers should reconfirm flight schedules with their airline prior to arrival at the airport, since flight cancellations occur frequently. There are no plans for charter flights or other U.S. government-coordinated evacuations.

U.S. citizens in Yemen remain vulnerable to kidnappings and terrorist attacks, especially when in transit to and from residences or workplaces. U.S. citizens should exercise caution and take prudent security measures in all areas, especially those areas frequented by Westerners. All U.S. citizens are reminded to: vary routes and times for travel; maintain a high level of vigilance; keep a low profile; lock car windows and doors; and carry a charged cell phone at all times. It is also important to review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings; monitor local news stations for updates; maintain a high level of vigilance; take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security; and follow the instructions of local authorities.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Yemen enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). 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. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review the [Traveler's Checklist](#), which includes valuable security information for those living and traveling abroad.

We recommend that you regularly monitor the State Department's Bureau of [Consular Affairs website](#), where current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Alerts and Travel Warnings](#), and [Country Specific Information](#) reports can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747, toll free in the United States and Canada. For callers in other countries, dial 1-202-501-4444 (toll fees apply). These numbers are available 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except

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