

Warden Message
U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal
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The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is issuing this Warden Message to remind U.S. citizens of the potential for demonstrations and spontaneous protests in Dakar, and to encourage U.S. citizens to avoid all demonstrations.

In recent weeks Dakar has experienced a series of protests by different groups in various areas. These protests have materialized often without warning. Like other announced protests, they are frequently staged on main roads and significantly disrupting traffic. Public demonstrations, political gatherings, and student protests are relatively common in Dakar and in outlying regions, particularly on Friday afternoons.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid areas of demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

Americans living or traveling in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Senegal. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. The telephone number is (221) 823-4296; after-hours (221) 823-4604. The U.S. [Embassy website](http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar) is <http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar>.