

Warden Message No. 87

Violent Demonstration on Friday, September 11, 2009

U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince issued the following Warden Message on September 11, 2009:

The U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens that a violent demonstration is occurring in downtown Port-au-Prince. Protestors are burning tires near the Faculty of Ethnology (corners of Ave Magloire Amboise/Ave Magny and Ave Magloire Amboise/Rue St. Honoré), have put chairs on Ave Magloire Amboise, and are throwing rocks at passing vehicles from inside the Faculty of Ethnology. Haitian National Police (PNH) is attempting to evacuate the area, but demonstrators are attacking HNP with rocks. HNP has in response deployed crowd-control gas, but is not yet able to control the demonstrators. American citizens are advised to avoid this area and should monitor media coverage to stay abreast of the situation as it develops. Americans in Haiti are advised to remain alert and to avoid all demonstrations as they can result in violence and require police intervention. They should be aware of their surroundings at all times and are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy. They can do so at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' website www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

For emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located at Boulevard du 15 Octobre, Tabarre 41, Tabarre, Haiti; telephone (509) 2-229-8000; after hours emergency telephone (509) 2-229-8000; ACS Unit fax (509) 2-229-8027; and e-mail at acspap@state.gov.