



# DEMONSTRATION NOTICE

**U.S. Embassy  
La Paz, Bolivia**

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The U.S. Embassy in La Paz has received information about the following non-violent roadblock at the Bolivian-Peruvian border:

Protesters have erected roadblocks at the Bolivian border town of Desaguadero which are preventing traffic from entering Peru through this international crossing. If you have plans to travel to Peru through the Desaguadero land border, the Embassy urges you to avoid this area and consider alternate routes. The embassy also encourages you to follow the local news to stay up-to-date on the current situation. Please note that the police have limited capabilities outside major cities and communication is poor. While we anticipate that the demonstration will remain peaceful, there is always the possibility that the situation could change.

The U.S. Embassy reminds you that demonstrations and road blockades are not unusual in Bolivia, and even though they might be intended to be peaceful they can turn confrontational between security forces, demonstrators, and bystanders, and escalate into violence. You should avoid them if at all possible. If you find yourself in the vicinity of a large gathering, you should leave the area immediately for your own safety.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the Embassy website, found [here](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--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.

You can contact the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at [consularlapaz@state.gov](mailto:consularlapaz@state.gov) or by telephone at 591-2-216-8246 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 591-715-33713 after hours and on weekends. The U.S. Embassy is located at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public by appointment on Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. You can schedule a non-emergency appointment by visiting this [website](#).

The Embassy operates two Consular Agencies in the cities of Santa Cruz and Cochabamba, Bolivia. These agencies can also provide assistance to U.S. citizens. The Santa Cruz Consular Agency is located on Roque Aguilera Avenue #146 (3<sup>rd</sup> ring). You can contact the Santa Cruz Consular Agency by telephone at 591-3-351-3477 during regular business hours (Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). The Cochabamba Consular Agency is located in the Edificio "SAAL," Avenida

Pando No. 1122, Piso 1, Suites B and C. You can contact the Cochabamba Consular Agency by telephone at 591-4-411-6313 during regular business hours (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 08:30 to 12:30; Wednesdays: 13:30 to 17:30).

If you wish to visit either the Santa Cruz or Cochabamba Consular Agencies for a non-emergency matter, please schedule an appointment through this [website](#).