

Dear Warden:

Below please find a warden message from the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. Please share this warden message with any U.S. citizens in Bolivia with whom you have contact. We hope this information is useful to you. If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia

This Warden Message warns U.S. citizens in and around La Paz to take additional caution driving outside the La Paz city limits. Two incidents where U.S. Citizens were detained by spontaneous roadblocks have occurred in the past two weeks.

The first incident occurred when a van pulled up to two vehicles driven by U.S. citizens and blocked the road in the Irpavi region. The two occupants of the van demanded money as a 'toll' to pass through their area, but soon left after they were confronted by the occupants.

The second incident also occurred in the vicinity of the Irpavi region of La Paz. Two U.S. citizens were travelling alone in a car along a dead end road when a group of local nationals barricaded their exit by piling large rocks in the road. They successfully drove through the first roadblock before encountering a second roadblock further down the road. While going through the second roadblock, the local nationals threw rocks at their car causing significant damage.

U.S. citizens are urged to use caution when driving in unfamiliar areas around La Paz and other regions of the country. Off-road trips should also be avoided whenever possible.

U.S. citizens may contact the consular section of 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) 216-8297 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591-2) 216-8500 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at 591-3-351-3477 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Cochabamba consular agency at 591-4-411-6313 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).