

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

WARDEN MESSAGE
U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA
December 3, 2010

This warden message is being issued to notify you that the American Citizen Services (ACS) Unit at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz has revised the way it will communicate messages to American citizens in Bolivia.

Effective immediately, the ACS Unit will post information related to all non-violent protests and demonstrations to the U.S. Embassy's internet site as a "demonstration notice" under the "[U.S. Citizen Services](#)" tab of the website. Demonstration Notices are designed to alert American citizens to a probable demonstration over a fixed period of time at a particular location. This information is conveyed so that you can take appropriate action to provide for your own safety and security. Demonstration notices will be issued only when the embassy has determined that the protest or demonstration is expected to be non-violent.

The embassy will continue to issue "warden messages" via email to alert American citizens to specific information pertaining to security concerns or other critical information that would affect that safety and security of American citizens traveling and residing in Bolivia. If, for example, the embassy determines that a protest or demonstration will become violent or has the potential to put American citizens in danger, we will issue a warden message alerting you of the details of the event along with information to help you stay safe.

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. We urge you to avoid the areas of demonstrations, including those targeting the U.S. Embassy, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any protests. If you find yourself in the vicinity of a large gathering, we recommend you leave the area immediately for your own safety.

You can find current and archived warden messages and demonstration notices by visiting the [Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings & Worldwide Cautions](#) page of the embassy's website.

For the latest security information, you should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the Embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>.

You can obtain current information on travel and security in Bolivia from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

You can contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at 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.). You can reach the Santa Cruz Consular Agency by telephone at 591-3-351-3477 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The Cochabamba Consular Agency is temporarily closed.