

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.

**WARDEN MESSAGE**  
**U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA**  
**October 12, 2010**

This warden message informs U.S. citizens traveling to and residing in Bolivia of demonstrations and roadblocks affecting travel across the country.

The Embassy has received information that protestors are blocking the road linking the cities of Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, including the road leading to Viru Viru International Airport in Santa Cruz. Government officials have reported that the Viru Viru airport is still open, but it may close down later today in anticipation of approximately 20,000 more protestors who are expected to arrive in the vicinity by 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Travelers may wish to contact airlines for information about possible cancellations or delays. Currently, taxis and other traffic are able to reach Viru Viru using alternate routes.

The Embassy has received separate reports that the road between La Paz and the Yungas is also blocked.

The Embassy urges U.S. citizens to use caution when traveling between the cities of Santa Cruz and Cochabamba, as well as between La Paz and the Yungas until the situation is resolved. U.S. citizens planning to travel between these cities should consider their routes and check news reports prior to departing for updates on possible protest and blockade locations.

The U.S. Department of State issued a Travel Alert for Bolivia on August 12, 2010 to alert U.S. citizens of the unstable social and security situation in several regions across the country. U.S. citizens are encouraged to review the travel alert on the Embassy's website or at <http://travel.state.gov>.

U.S. citizens are reminded 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. U.S. citizens are urged 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, it is recommended you leave the area immediately for your own safety.

U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Bolivia are encouraged to register and update their contact information at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz and/or the U.S. consular agencies in Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Registration may be done online and can be done in advance of travel. Information on registering may be found at the Department of State's Consular Affairs website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad 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>.

Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained 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>.

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) 216-8246 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591) 715-33713 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 through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at (591-3) 351-3477. The Cochabamba consular agency is temporarily closed.

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