

Mission of the United States of America Saudi Arabia

MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS: IMPROVEMENTS TO SAFETY AND SECURITY INFORMATION

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, the Department of State will make changes to our safety and security information to make it easier to find, understand, and use.

Travel Advisories will replace Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. Every country will have a Travel Advisory, which will provide one of four standard levels of advice. The Travel Advisory will give an explanation for the level and include clear actions U.S. citizens should take.

Alerts will replace Security Messages and Emergency Messages. Alerts follow an easy-to-understand format with clear actions U.S. citizens should take.

U.S. citizens who have signed up to receive updates via the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (http://STEP.state.gov) will automatically receive the Saudi Arabia Travel Advisory and Alerts via email in the weeks following the January 10 launch. They will continue to receive other messages as usual, including announcements related to voting, town halls, and administrative issues.

For more information about improvements to our safety and security information and to sign-up to receive a notification on launch date, visit http://travel.state.gov/travelsafely.

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For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, <u>Travel Warnings</u>, <u>Travel Alerts</u>, and Saudi Arabia Country Specific Information.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u> to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the <u>U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia</u> at +966 11 488 3800, the <u>U.S. Consulate General Dhahran</u> at +966 13 330 3200, and the <u>U.S. Consulate General Jeddah</u> at +966 12 667-0080.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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