

U.S. Embassy Rome, Italy
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
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A recent anonymous posting on a Jihadist website encouraged attacks against American and other international schools in the Middle East, including western teachers employed at these schools. That message referenced schools in the localities of Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) and Maadi (Egypt) as examples, and these two cities as locations with high concentrations of potential targets. **The U.S. Embassy in Rome is unaware of any specific, credible threat against any American school in Italy.** Nonetheless, the Embassy is working with local schools identified with the United States to review their security posture. U.S. citizens residing in or visiting Italy should remain vigilant regarding their personal security and alert to local security developments.

It is always advisable to keep your security and situational awareness levels high. Please follow these good personal security practices:

- Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security;
- Avoid crowds or large gatherings when traveling in public;
- Know where you are going and have a plan of what to do in the event you encounter demonstrations or violence;
- Identify safe areas (for example police stations, hospitals, government buildings) in your area and how to get to them quickly;
- Tell co-workers or neighbors where you're going and when you intend to return;
- Minimize your profile while in public;
- Always carry a cell phone and make sure you have emergency numbers pre-programmed into your phone such as the Embassy's number: 06-4674-1. The emergency number for Police is 113 in Italy.
- Be prepared to postpone or cancel activities for personal safety concerns;
- Report concerns you may have to the [nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#).

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Italy enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Italy](#). For additional information, refer to the ["Traveler's Checklist"](#) on the State Department's website.

Contact the [U.S. embassy or consulate](#) for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Rome is located at Via V. Veneto, 121, 00187, Rome, and is open from 8:30am to 5:30pm on weekdays, and can be reached at (+39) 06-4674-1 (telephone number), (+39) 06-4674-2244 (fax) or uscitizensrome@state.gov . If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, outside of business hours, you may reach the Embassy Duty Officer via the above number.