



TAKE A **STEP**¹

TOWARD SMARTER AND SAFER TRAVEL

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service for U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad to receive safety and security alerts and other local updates from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. In an emergency, it also helps the State Department get in touch with you.

The Benefits of STEP

Destination-Specific Travel Advisories and Alerts

Based on your destination abroad, STEP delivers updates on everything from security alerts to natural disaster warnings, transportation disruptions, and health risks.

Stay Connected With U.S. Embassy/Consulate

As a service of the U.S. embassies and consulates, STEP provides citizens with the latest updates on their current destinations.

Actions to Take in an Emergency

In the event of an emergency at your destination abroad, STEP makes it easier for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to contact you with recommended actions.

Know Before You Go

In addition to enrolling in STEP, before every international trip you should:

- ✓ Check your passport expiration date before you book. Many countries require that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond the dates of your trip.
- ✓ Look up country-specific information for your destination including local laws and what you can and cannot bring at travel.state.gov/destination.
- ✓ Find and save contact info for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate at usembassy.gov.
- ✓ Review the traveler's checklist at travel.state.gov/checklist.



Enroll before you travel
at STEP.STATE.GOV

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