

## **U.S. Embassy Athens – Alert on Package Bombs**

*Information on Package Bombs Being Delivered to Several Locations in Athens and Rumor Control*

### WARDEN MESSAGE

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Over the past two days, a number of package bombs have been dropped off at courier services for delivery to foreign embassies in Athens. Some have exploded and others have been detonated by police. One incident resulted in minor injuries to a courier office employee. The police have arrested two individuals in connection with these incidents and the investigation continues.

A suspicious package in the area of Parliament was originally intended for another embassy and was brought there by a courier office employee in order to be destroyed by the authorities. A shootout in Faliro reported by some bloggers is the result of a robbery and is not related to these incidents.

As always, we encourage Americans to exercise common sense and caution when going about their daily activities. If you discover or receive a suspicious package, do not attempt to open it.

The police emergency number (“911”) in Greece is 100. For additional information and almost real-time updates on demonstrations in Athens as well as other useful travel and security advice, please visit the Consular pages of the US Embassy website at <http://athens.usembassy.gov/service.html> and now check us out on Facebook, under Athens Consular.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains current the Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. U.S. Citizens may also obtain up-to-date information on security conditions overseas by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or Canada, and 1-202-501-4444 from overseas. 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 living or traveling abroad are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website.

For up-to-date information regarding Embassy or Consulate General closures, please visit the Embassy's website or the Consulate General's website. In case of an emergency when the Embassy or Consulate General is closed, an American in Greece can call (210) 729-4444 or (210) 729-4301, and ask to speak to a consular officer. For up-to-date information on current security conditions during business hours, U.S. citizens may also contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens or Consulate General in Thessaloniki at the numbers below. Please pass this information on to other U.S. citizens.

U.S. Embassy in Athens  
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