

Warden Message
U.S. Embassy Praia, Cape Verde
May 19, 2010

This Warden Message is being issued to warn U.S. citizens of the potential safety and security threats during the annual Gamboa Festival which will take place in Praia at Gamboa Beach the weekend of May 21-23.

In previous years, there have been reports of group fights, physical assaults, and pick-pocketing occurring at the annual Gamboa Festival. As in any situation where large crowds gather and alcohol is consumed, the U.S. Embassy in Praia recommends exercising caution. We suggest that any U.S. citizen attending the festival maintain heightened situational awareness, and carry as little money and as few valuables as possible.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Cape Verde are encouraged to register with the Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> and to visit the Embassy's website, <http://praia.usembassy.gov>, so that they can obtain up-to-date information on travel and security within Cape Verde. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Praia. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Rua Abilio Macedo 6, Praia. For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens can call +238-260-8900 or +238-991-3325.