

Sri Lanka Travel Advisory

Travel Advisory Sri Lanka - Level 2:
September 12, 2024 Exercise Increased
Caution



Updated to reflect upcoming presidential election.

Exercise increased caution in Sri Lanka due to **civil unrest** and **terrorism**.

Country Summary: Sri Lanka is set to hold presidential elections on September 21, 2024. Demonstrations could occur before, during, or after the election. In some instances, police have used water cannons and tear gas to disperse protesters. U.S. citizens are reminded to avoid all gatherings, even peaceful ones, as such gatherings can turn violent with little or no warning.

Terrorist attacks have occurred in Sri Lanka, with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets, shopping malls, government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, major sporting and cultural events, educational institutions, airports, hospitals, and other public areas.

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in remote areas.

Read the country [information page for more information](#).

If you decide to travel to Sri Lanka:

- Be aware of your surroundings when traveling to tourist locations and crowded public venues.
- Follow the instructions of local authorities.
- Monitor local media for breaking events and adjust your plans based on new information.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment](#)

[Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) [↗](#) and [X/Twitter](#) [↗](#).
- Review the [Crime and Safety Report](#) for Sri Lanka.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) [↗](#) related to your travel.