



Security Alert: Northern Ghana

*The U.S. Embassy in Accra, Ghana, has received unsubstantiated information that U.S. citizens may be targeted for kidnapping for ransom in northern Ghana, to include the Upper East Region and the Upper West Region.

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*Read the entire Ghana Travel Advisory

Country summary: Violent crimes, such as carjacking and street mugging, do occur. These crimes often happen at night and in isolated locations. Exercise increased caution specifically due to crime:

- in urban areas and crowded markets
- when traveling by private or public transportation after dark as criminal elements may use blockades to slow down and restrict movement of vehicles
- in areas near the northern border in the Upper East and Upper West regions

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens. Local police may lack the resources to respond effectively to more serious crimes.

Exercise increased caution in:

- Parts of the Bono East, Bono, Savannah, Northern, North East, and Upper East regions due to **civil unrest**.

Areas Near the Northern Border in the Upper East and Upper West Regions

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Civil unrest due to tribal disputes can occur at any time. The likelihood for violence developing from a tribal dispute is greater in parts of these regions.

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