



Protests

A Protest is an asserted objection that ranges from an individual statement to a mass demonstration. Protests, also referred to as demonstrations, have and can occur near military installations and embassies worldwide, often just outside the main gate. Though these demonstrations are often performed with notice and are peaceful, they can be unpredictable. The following information is provided to help you Live Ready Marine Corps.

What to Expect if a Protest Occurs on or Near Your Installation

- In most cases, organizers obtain a license or permit to demonstrate and the installation is given notice, including time, location, and duration of the event.
- Alerts will be issued by Installation officials through the Enterprise Mass Notification System (eMNS), social media, and other means to inform Marines, personnel, and families of the impending or occurring protest.
- Delays and increased traffic may occur depending on the size of the event.
- Gate closures are possible leading up to, during, and after a demonstration.
- As a safety precaution, certain establishments on or off base may be deemed “off limits.”
- Commanders may adjust threat conditions (THREATCONs) declarations based on intelligence and level of threat. Increased security measures can be expected with increased levels of THREATCONs.

How to Prepare

- 1 Stay informed.** ALL Marines (active duty and Reserve), civil service, and contractor personnel with a NIPR computer account—verify and update official contact information populated in the **Marine Corps Enterprise Mass Notification System (eMNS)** by information found in the Global Address List (GAL), and **self-register** all cell phones, home phone, email addresses, etc. in eMNS. Registration of personal information enhances Marine Corps Installations’ ability to rapidly provide emergency information and changes to the base’s operating status during non-working hours and wherever you are.
- 2 Make an emergency plan.**
- 3 Be aware of alternate travel routes** in case of gate closures issued to avoid demonstrators.
- 4 Prepare an emergency kit** for your home, car, and office in case you are directed to shelter-in-place or lockdown.



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What to Do if a Protest Occurs on or Near Your Installation

- Listen to and follow all official advisories and alerts.
- If you must pass information to others, pass only official, vetted information, and refrain from voicing speculation that may start rumors and unnecessary alarm.
- Avoid protestors if possible.
- Use alternate route and/or gates away from protestors.
- Do not engage demonstrators if you are in their location.
- If driving near a protest, stay in your vehicle, lower your speed, and be cautious.
- Remain calm.
- Be respectful (i.e., do not honk if in your vehicle, etc.).
- Be alert for any unusual or suspicious activity.

DoD Instruction Regarding Off-Post Demonstration by Service Members

Members of the Armed Forces are prohibited from participating in off-post demonstrations if:

- They are in uniform in violation of DoD Instruction 1334.1.
- They are on duty.
- They are in a foreign country.
- The activities constitute a breach of law and order.
- Violence is likely to occur.

Where to Find More Information

- DoDI 1325.06—<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132506p.pdf>
- State Department Travel Advisories—<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>

