

# Protest Rights & Safety Guide



OUT OF POLITICS

## Know Your Rights

You have the right to protest peacefully, and you do not have to consent to a search without a warrant.

## Plan Ahead

Research the location, bring water, and wear non-identifiable clothing (avoid logos & cover tattoos).

## Bring Essential Safety Gear

Pack masks, goggles, a first aid kit, and write emergency contact info on your skin.

## Stay Aware & Buddy Up

Stay with a group and avoid confrontations with police or counter-protesters.

## Protect Your Digital Privacy

Disable biometric unlock, use encrypted apps, and avoid live social media posts.

## Know What to Do if Detained

Most importantly, stay calm. Ask if you're free to go. If not, say "I invoke my right to remain silent."

## Additional Resources

### Safety

- 50501: [Sample Protest Safety Plan](#)
- 50501: [INFOSEC & OPSEC Handbook](#)
- INFOSEC for Activists: [INFOSEC 101](#)
- Human Rights Campaign: [Tips for Preparedness, Peaceful Protesting, and Safety](#)
- Indivisible: [Safety, Security, and Digital Preparedness for a Second Trump Administration](#)

### Rights

- ACLU: [Protesters' Rights](#)
- ACLU: [Talking to People About Their Rights](#)
- ACLU: [Demonstrations and Protests](#)
- ACLU: [Students' Rights - Speech, Walkouts, and Other Protests](#)
- Amnesty International: [Right to Protest](#)
- ACLU: [Rights of Protestors - Court Cases](#)

## ACLU Protest Resources by State/Territory

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| — <a href="#">AK</a>          | — <a href="#">GA</a> | — <a href="#">ME</a> | — <a href="#">NM</a> | — <a href="#">TX</a> |
| — <a href="#">AL</a>          | — <a href="#">HI</a> | — <a href="#">MI</a> | — <a href="#">NV</a> | — <a href="#">UT</a> |
| — <a href="#">AR</a>          | — <a href="#">IA</a> | — <a href="#">MN</a> | — <a href="#">NY</a> | — <a href="#">VA</a> |
| — <a href="#">AZ</a>          | — <a href="#">ID</a> | — <a href="#">MO</a> | — <a href="#">OH</a> | — <a href="#">VT</a> |
| — <a href="#">CA (NorCal)</a> | — <a href="#">IL</a> | — <a href="#">MS</a> | — <a href="#">OK</a> | — <a href="#">WA</a> |
| — <a href="#">CA (SoCal)</a>  | — <a href="#">IN</a> | — <a href="#">MT</a> | — <a href="#">OR</a> | — <a href="#">WI</a> |
| — <a href="#">CO</a>          | — <a href="#">KS</a> | — <a href="#">NC</a> | — <a href="#">PA</a> | — <a href="#">WV</a> |
| — <a href="#">CT</a>          | — <a href="#">KY</a> | — <a href="#">ND</a> | — <a href="#">RI</a> | — <a href="#">WY</a> |
| — <a href="#">DC</a>          | — <a href="#">LA</a> | — <a href="#">NE</a> | — <a href="#">SC</a> |                      |
| — <a href="#">DE</a>          | — <a href="#">MA</a> | — <a href="#">NH</a> | — <a href="#">SD</a> |                      |
| — <a href="#">FL</a>          | — <a href="#">MD</a> | — <a href="#">NJ</a> | — <a href="#">TN</a> |                      |