

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



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# Your Rights

**First Amendment:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of press; **or the right of the people peaceably to assemble**, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

- You have the right to speak out and assemble in "traditional public forums," such as streets, sidewalks, and parks.
- When lawfully present in any public space, you have the right to photograph anything in plain view.
- You don't need a permit to march in the streets or on sidewalks, as long as you don't obstruct safety/traffic.
- Law enforcement can issue a dispersal order but must provide clear and detailed notice including the following: (1) amount of time to disperse, (2) consequences of not dispersing, and (3) detail a clear exit route to follow.

*(Information gathered from the ACLU)*  
<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/protesters-rights/>

# Things to Remember

- You have **freedom of expression** and thus have the right to your own opinion.
- You have the **right to medical assistance** that should not be delayed.
- You have **freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention**. When being arrested, you should be told the purpose, read your **Miranda Rights** and have prompt access to your family/lawyer.
- **PLAN AHEAD!** Bring any essential needs and make a plan for if you get separated.
- **DOCUMENT EVERYTHING!**
- **Beware of rumors.** Familiarize yourself with accurate information sources and stay looped in.
- Practice **self check-ins** to make sure are okay both physically and mentally.

*(Information gathered from Amnesty International)*  
[https://www.amnestyusa.org/files/pdfs/protestresourcepacket\\_web.pdf](https://www.amnestyusa.org/files/pdfs/protestresourcepacket_web.pdf)

## Emergency Contact Numbers: