

# RESOURCES

## GUIDES

**Protecting Protester Privacy Against Police Surveillance**  
Citizen Evidence Lab  
Amnesty International



**A Quick and Dirty Guide to Cell Phone Surveillance at Protests**  
Electronic Frontier Foundation



**The Blackivists' Five Tips for Organizers, Protestors, and Anyone Documenting Movements**  
The Blackivists



**Berkeley Copwatch Guide to Copwatching During Protests**  
Berkeley Copwatch



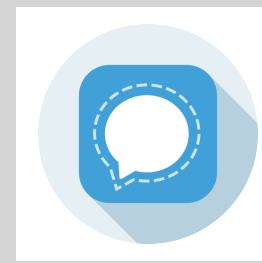
**ACLU Apps to Record Police Conduct**  
Send footage to ACLU



**WITNESS: Know Your Rights Video**  
How to record an arrest at a protest



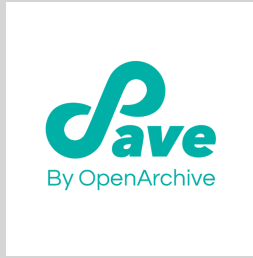
## TOOLS



**SIGNAL**  
encrypted messaging  
Create groups with local protesters. Turn on disappearing messages < 6 hours



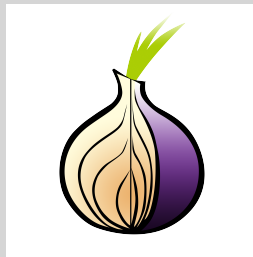
**Save**  
secure video/photo archiving  
Prevent Data Loss – use Save to securely send (over Tor/TLS), verify, back-up on server/cloud.



**VPN**  
hides web activity  
Surveillance & censorship – send content over TOR / VPN



**TOR**  
secure, anonymous web browser



### Tear Gas Toolbox

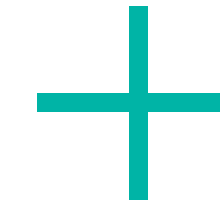
#### Before

- 2 Bandanas
- Bottled water
- Wear fitted goggles
- Long sleeves, long pants
- Plastic bag
- Gloves
- No makeup/contacts
- Change of clothes

#### During / After

- Don't touch face/eyes
- Rinse eyes with water & apply soaked bandana
- Change your clothes, put spicy clothes in plastic (wash twice later)
- Wipe down phone/items
- Shower as soon as possible with soap + water

## PRESERVING TRUTH TO POWER



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS  
CHECK YOUR RISKS  
PRESS RECORD

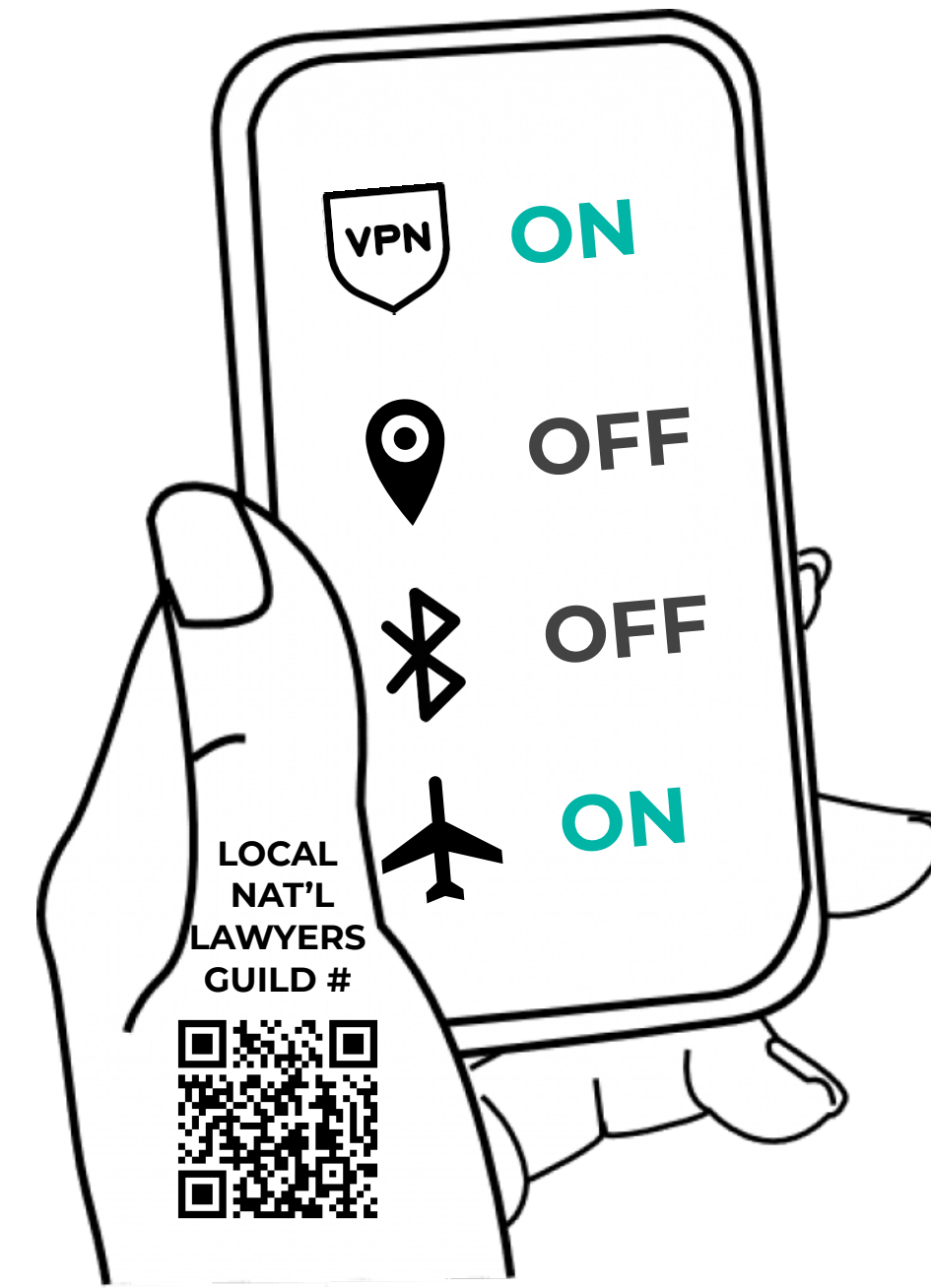
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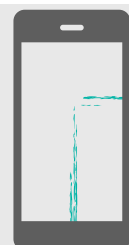
- ☐ Join a Signal group with other protesters. Turn on disappearing messages and set to < 6 hours.
- ☐ Turn off fingerprint and face unlock on phone & lock your phone with a 6-digit passcode.
- ☐ Delete unused apps w/ personal info (i.e. social media + LinkedIn).
- ☐ Write your local Nat'l Lawyers Guild # on your arm w/ sharpie.
- ☐ Bring backup phone battery.



DISCLAIMER: ALL PROTESTING COMES WITH A RISK. THIS IS A GUIDE TO HARM REDUCTION IN THE US. LAWS VARY BY STATE. THIS IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE, OBTAIN A LAWYER IF YOU ARE ARRESTED/FACE CHARGES.

# PROTEST SCENARIOS

DOWNLOAD THE RESOURCES ON BACK PAGE BEFORE LEAVING HOME



**SCENARIO I**  
*Has your phone been confiscated, lost, or stolen?*

Remotely **track, lock** and/or **erase** your phone.



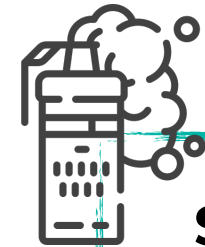
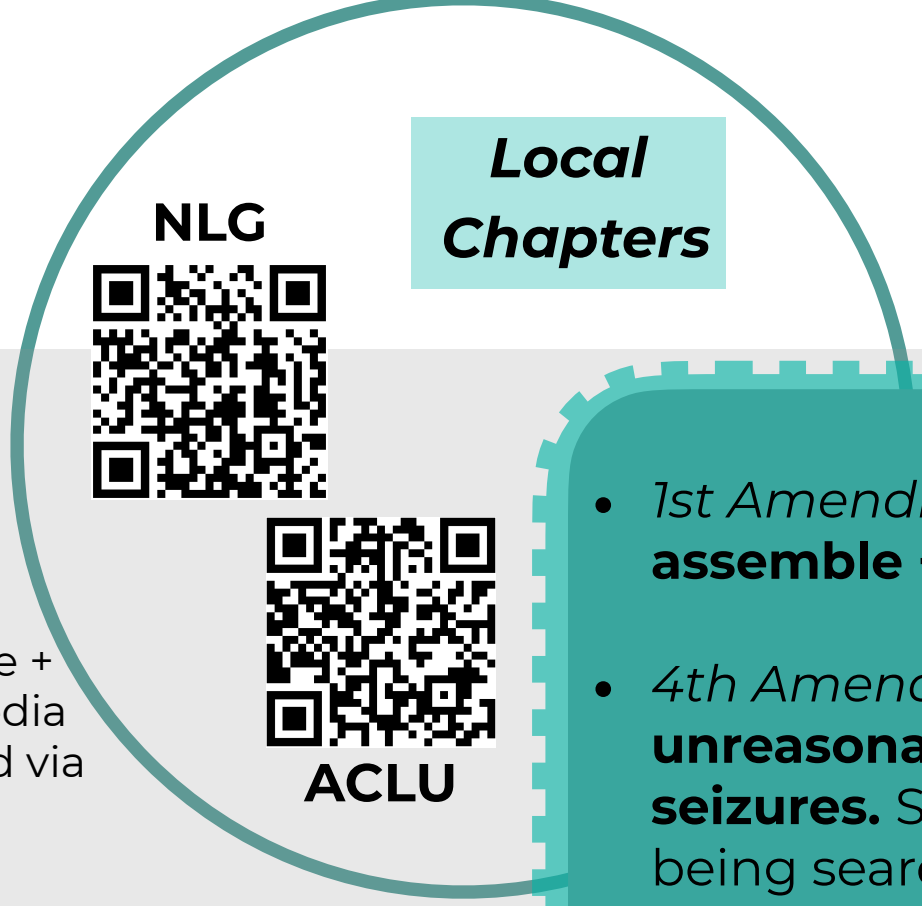
**If lost:** track phone, ask friend to call it, pre-set emergency # on lock screen.



**If confiscated:** police are likely to prevent remote erasure and will search the phone once they have a **warrant, even when it is turned off.**



Refer to your **secure backup** to retrieve + share media preserved via **Save.**

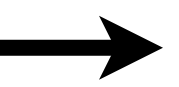


**SCENARIO II**  
*Are You Caught in a Tear Gas Cloud?*

Are you in danger of being arrested? **Move to a safe place** and check the **tear gas toolbox** on back page.



Found a canister? Take a picture with a coin next to it. **Don't grab it, it's hot!**



Are you at a safe distance? **If yes, record police actions** against demonstrators (tear gas, pellets, etc.).



**Document police badge #.**  
Go to Scenario IV.



**SCENARIO III**  
*Did you witness an arrest?*

Are you in danger of being arrested? **If not, record the incident.**



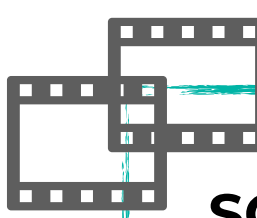
Obtain arrestee's **name/birth date & consent** to share.



Remind arrestee to **request a lawyer, remain silent, and not unlock** devices without their lawyer present. **No warrant, no phone search!**



Before you share media: **Determine whether it's incriminating (i.e. looting).** Call your local NLG/ACLU. Chapter to ask for advice: *"I have a video, I want to know if there is a related case?"* Go to Scenario IV.

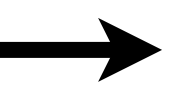


**SCENARIO IV**  
*Is it safe to share media?*

Can the video harm anyone or get anyone in legal trouble? **Don't share just yet!**



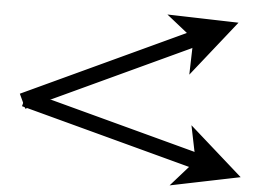
Does your video contradict police narrative? **It's valuable.** Posting could harm the video's legal value. Consult the NLG + ACLU first.



Did you call the NLG or ACLU? **Click the links or scan the QR code to find your local chapter.**



Are there faces, tattoos, or identifiable features in your content? If yes, the risk of doxxing, harassment, and police surveillance increases. **Blur all identifiable features in Signal.**



Do you have **informed consent** from **EVERYONE** in the photo/video? **If not, blur faces!**  
  
Can you share anonymously? **Anonymity** can protect you from doxxing + harassment.



Share **anonymously, blur** faces, shirt logos, & delete metadata.  
  
Use **Save** to preserve media, send to NLG or ACLU, ask for **consent**, then decide if you want to share!



- **1st Amendment: peacefully assemble + film** the police.
- **4th Amendment: verbally refuse unreasonable searches and seizures.** Say: "I do not consent to being searched". **Never unlock your phone** for police.
- **5th Amendment:** if questioned by police, say: "I want a lawyer, I am exercising my right to **remain silent**" \*stay silent\*.

- **Harassment:** intimidation, abusive behavior, and threats to your safety.
- **Police surveillance:** the gov't. gathers information online to prosecute & track protesters.
- **Doxxing:** exposing someone's personal details without permission (address, birthdate, etc.)
- **Media manipulation:** once shared, others can alter your media.