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# Tear Gas FOR PORTLANDERS

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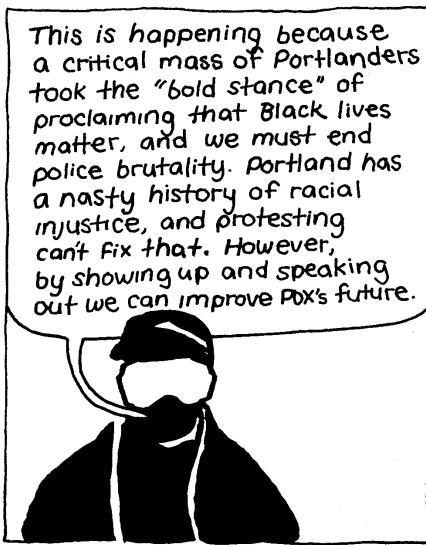
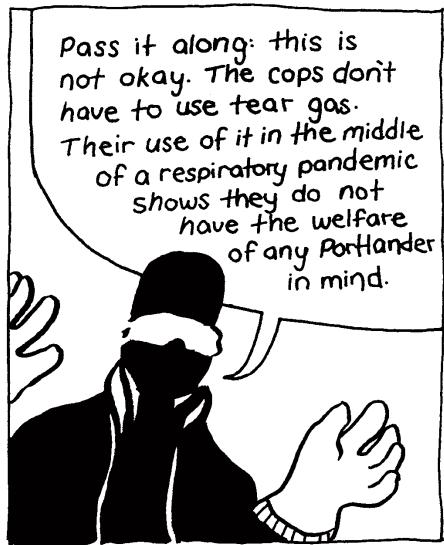
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Don't just take my word for it. Trusting a cartoon? Chump move.



## Action Items

### Learn      Donate      Speak

Read Don't Shoot Portland's tear gas report, and their other work

Educate yourself about racism, police and prison abolition, ableism and sex work decriminalization, and impacts of colonialism

Follow local journalists

Follow local activists and organizers

To mutual aid funds

To bail funds:

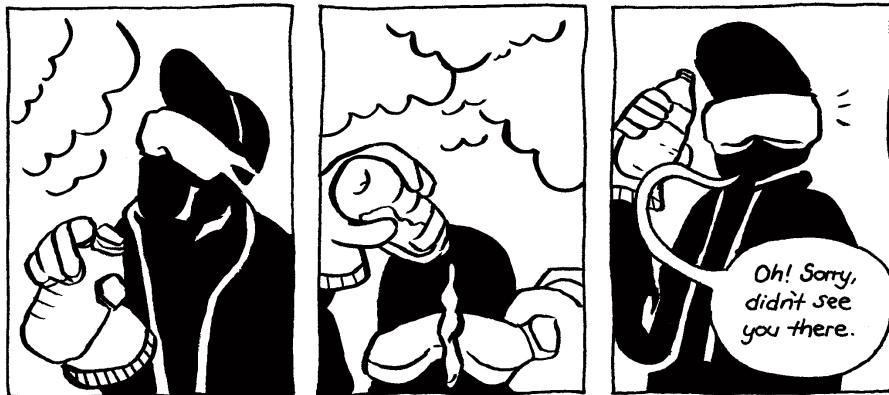
- The PDX protest bail fund GoFundMe
- Defense fund PDX Venmo: @defensefundpdx

To independent journalists: [tinyurl.com/yarz3kdb](http://tinyurl.com/yarz3kdb)

Support each other

Head out into your community and exercise your first amendment rights: [pdx-blm-events.com](http://pdx-blm-events.com) & streets & inboxes near you.

Thanks for reading.  
See you next time!





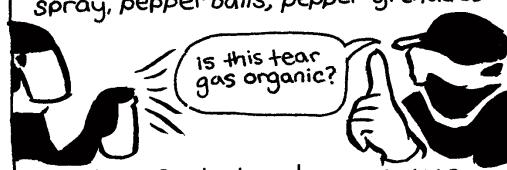
# TEAR

'Tear gas' is a broad category of substances that make the air spicy, generally used in effort to make a crowd disperse.

- Common effects include:
  - loss of vision, tearing
  - excessive salivation

Chemical irritants categorized as 'tear gas' include:

OC gas, in forms like pepper spray, pepper balls, pepper grenades



Tearing effect due to capsaicin from peppers!

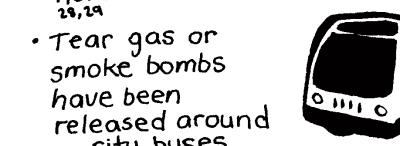
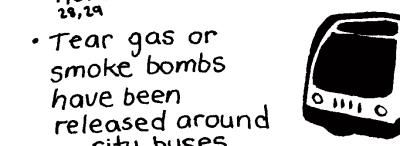
CN gas, also sold as Mace. The most toxic of the commonly used tear gases, popularity has fallen since the 50s in favor of the perhaps quintessential tear gas: CS GAS



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## BYSTANDERS

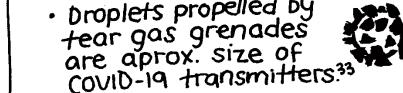
- Tear gas is released downtown with no regard for the safety of houseless people
- Tear gas has impacted nearby drivers<sup>31</sup>
- Tear gas has seeped into residential homes; kids & pets vulnerable<sup>32,33</sup>
- Tear gas or smoke bombs have been released around city buses.
- Multiple members of the press have been arrested at protests; press and legal observers are tear gassed.<sup>34,35</sup>



## PANDEMIC

Impacts of tear gas are worsened in the era of COVID-19 because:

- Tear gas causes coughing, a top vector<sup>36</sup>
- Tear gas makes people stop following social distancing guidelines, as they remove masks and justly prioritize taking care of each other.
- Tear gas irritates the respiratory system, possibly increasing susceptibility to COVID-19, and worsening existing cases.<sup>37</sup>
- Droplets propelled by tear gas grenades are approx. size of COVID-19 transmitters.<sup>38</sup>



**ACTIVITY SECTION:** discover & record your own crimes against humanity!

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# OUTRAGE



cataloging specifically  
tear gas related crimes  
against Portlanders!

## IMPACTS

### GENERAL<sup>2</sup>:

- Eyes fill with tears, nose runs, salivation
  - Burning pain in eyes and nose
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Inflammation of lungs
  - Miscarriage, potentially menstrual irregularities<sup>23</sup>
- ... AMONG MANY MORE

### CANISTER:

- Severe burns, head injuries (potentially fatal)<sup>23</sup>

### LONG TERM EFFECTS:

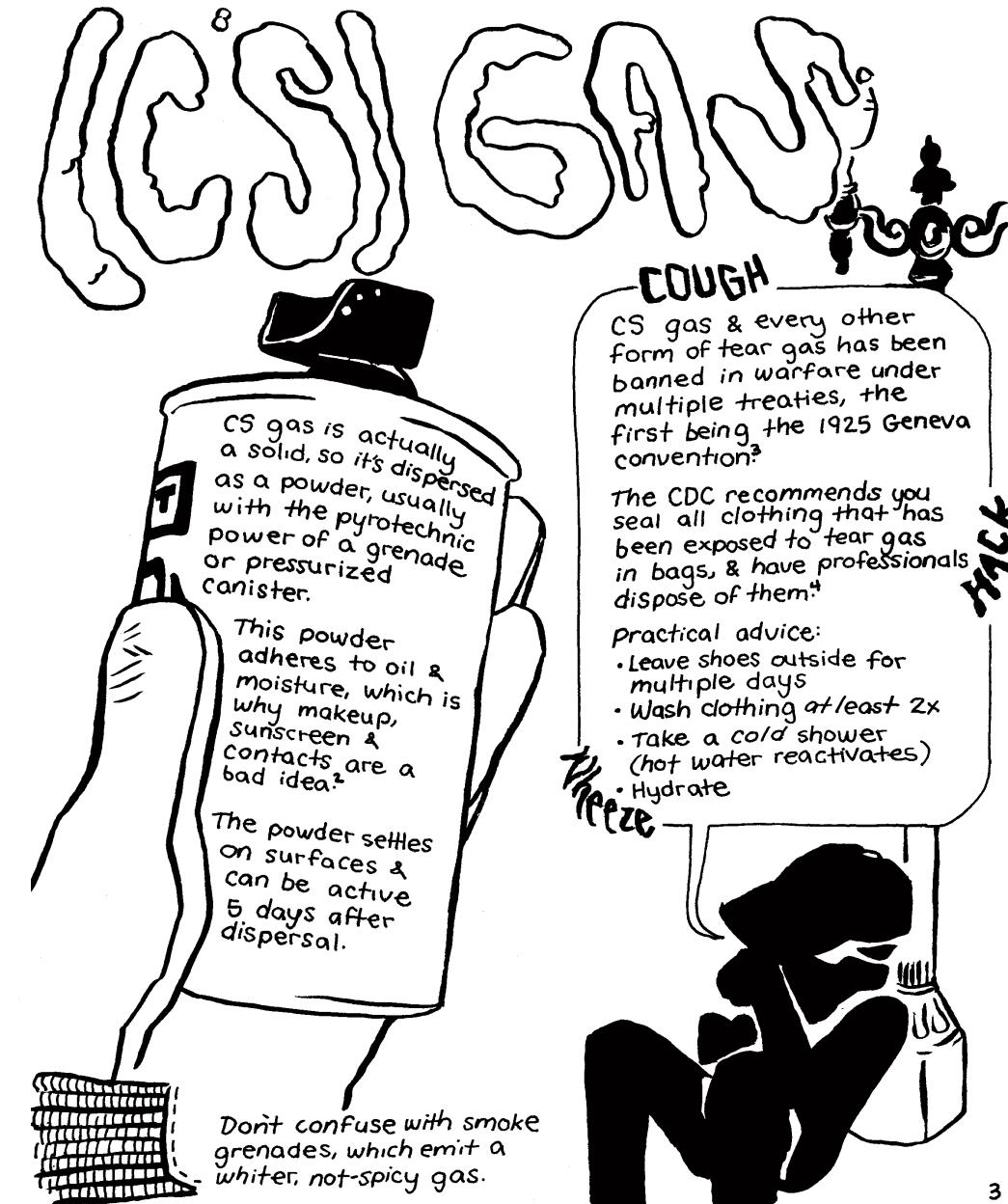
- Reactive Airway Dysfunction Syndrome (RADs, asthma mimic but unresponsive to treatment<sup>23</sup>)
  - Chest pain, coughing, breathing difficulty for weeks<sup>24</sup>
  - If gas released in confined space: death<sup>25</sup>
- This is not to mention the numerous injuries PPB inflicts on protesters.

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## PROTESTERS

Reported lung inflammation, asthma attacks

Tear gas in particular is an equity issue in that, even when the PPB announces they will use tear gas before they release it, they don't leave time for sign language interpreters to relay the message, or for people who cannot run to leave the area; this effectively silences the voices of many people who have a right to make themselves heard.<sup>24</sup>



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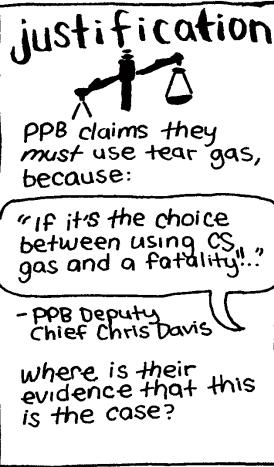
This is not the first time  
the PPB has used tear gas on protesters



## Riots?

"A person commits the crime of riot if while participating with five or more other persons the person engages in tumultuous and violent conduct..."<sup>10</sup>

- Oregon law



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|-------|------------------|---|
| MARCH | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Breonna Taylor murdered by police   |
| MAY   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Drejson Reed murdered by police   |
|       | 25 <sup>th</sup> | George Floyd murdered by police   |
|       | 28 <sup>th</sup> | First Portland protest  |
|       | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Tear gas used for first time; curfew imposed  |
| JUNE  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Curfew lifted   |
|       | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Lt. Charles Lovell appointed chief of PPB   |
|       | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Oregon District Court limits tear gas for 14 days   |
|       | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Rayshard Brooks murdered by police  |
|       | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Fence around Justice Center removed   |
|       | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Portland City Council reduce PPB budget by 3%   |
|       | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Arrests at Justice Center on Juneteenth   |
|       | 25 <sup>th</sup> | First use of tear gas after judge's order   |
|       | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Oregon Legislature passes bill; no tear gas but at riot <sup>13</sup>                     |
|       | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Police declare riot outside PPB union building; proceed to riot; arrest journalists       |
| JULY  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Elk removed after fire damage   |
|       | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Battle of 4th of July   |
|       | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Feds noted outside Justice Center   |
|       | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Feds have explicit control over Portland protest response; person arrested for chalk line |
|       | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Feds shoot unarmed man in head <sup>14</sup>  |
|       | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Feds kidnap people in unmarked cars   |
|       | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Portland returns to national news <sup>15</sup>   |

## Partial Chronology<sup>16,17,18</sup>