

# Know Your Rights Protests



## Interacting with Law Enforcement

### What is the role of law enforcement at protests?

#### The role of law enforcement at a protest is to:

- Protect your right to protest.
- Ensure that demonstrations are peaceful.

Law enforcement may fail to respect the rights of protestors. **It is important to:**

#### Document any interactions with law enforcement:

- Have people record interactions from a safe distance which does not interfere in the arrest
- Have people document badge numbers & names.

#### Have legal observers present at protests to act as unbiased witnesses.

#### Can police search protestors?

Law enforcement must have reasonable suspicion for a pat down & probable cause for a search.

Request a same gender officer if you will be searched.

**\*This may not always be available.**

#### What to do if there is undercover law enforcement at a protest?

Police are allowed to monitor public protests while undercover.

Do not interact with individuals you believe to be undercover police officers.

#### What to do if you are stopped by law enforcement?

##### Remain calm:

- ❌ **DO NOT** raise your voice to the officers.
- ❌ **Never touch** a police officer.
- ✅ Keep your hands **visible** at all times.
- ✅ You **MUST** identify yourself & provide ID, if requested by law enforcement.
- ✅ If you think you are being **detained**, ask the officer **if you are free to leave:**  
  
If they say yes, **calmly walk away.**  
  
If they say no, **remain silent.**
- ✅ If you are **arrested:**  
**Remain silent**, if questioned state affirmatively that you want an attorney. Do not answer any questions!  
  
Contact family/loved ones when able & have them **reach out to CAIR-FL.**

## NEED ASSISTANCE? CALL CAIR-FL!

### Do you need further assistance or questions? We can help you!

- Contact CAIR-Florida at **833-224-7352** or email **info@fl.cair.com**.



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