

Know Your Rights

# Protests



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### You have the right to organize a protest

- You can protest in public areas like streets, sidewalks, or parks **without a permit**, if it **doesn't obstruct traffic or activities**.
- Larger protests **require a permit** if **streets are blocked, loudspeakers are used, or if it will obstruct activities**.
  - Contact your local city hall for this.
- Assign **designated roles** for the protest, such as **legal observers and safety patrols**.

### You have the right to participate in a protest

- You have the **right to free speech**, but without **inciting violence or unlawful behavior**
- You have the right to **take photos and videos** of things in a **public space that are clearly visible**.
- **Counter-protestors** have the **right to be present**, and it is the responsibility of the group to **avoid engagement**.
- **DO NOT** initiate or join in physical fights.

### You have rights with law enforcement

- If stopped or detained, **remain calm and DO NOT resist**.
- Show your ID and identify yourself, but you are **NOT obligated to answer any additional questions**.
- Either **record the interaction** if you can or have someone else record it.
- Be sure to note the **officer's badge number, name & ask for witnesses**.
- **If you are arrested**, exercise your right to remain silent, ask for a lawyer, & **contact CAIR-FL for assistance!**



## NEED ASSISTANCE? CALL CAIR-FL!

Do you need assistance with setting up a protest, legal observers, or questions? We can help you!

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



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