

YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST IS PROTECTED BY THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

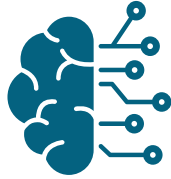


BE PREPARED!

Our rights to protest may be limited in some narrow circumstances (ex. if a protest aims to promote hatred). We promote Peace, Love and **FREEDOM**.

The police have a **DUTY** to facilitate a **PEACEFUL** protest.

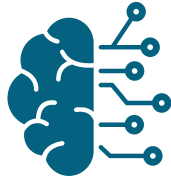
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HOW TO PREPARE FOR PARTICIPATING IN A PROTEST

- Exercise your fundamental right to assemble for peaceful protest while still cooperating with the police to keep the peace and safety of all life throughout the protest. Stand strong in peace, love & freedom.
- **DO NOT** bring anything illegal (ex. drugs) or do anything illegal (ex. weapons) as it will be detrimental to the cause of the peaceful protest.
- Make sure to use a 6 digit code password, not a fingerprint, on your phone. This will protect against searches. Avoid carrying paper with personal, private info on it.
- Memorize, or write on arm, the phone numbers of your confident and lawyer whom you can call if need be.
 - For example > Defence Lawyer 1-647-251-9710

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- Use a "Group Buddy System" by assembling a squad of 4 or 5 fellow peaceful protesters who have an agreement that they will stick together to stay safe during the protest. #otherpeoplematter
- Remember any essential medication(s) you need with you. Keep the prescription in case you are detained.
- If you have special medical needs or a disability, or limited English or French, wear a bracelet or carry a card explaining your circumstances.
- Police may try to intimidate, bully or threaten protesters who assert their rights. They may also act friendly to gain information or influence you to waive your rights. When dealing with police it is important to breathe, stay calm and politely assert your rights. Never physically interfere. The Police are only human too.
- Remember, some people face more risk of being targeted by police because of systemic discrimination.

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TIPS FOR INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AT A PROTEST

- Along with municipal police, there may be provincial police, and/or RCMP at the demonstration. (Ex. During a time when the gov. enacts the **Emergencies Act.**)
- The police are allowed to approach you and ask you questions. You do not have to answer questions if you don't want to. However, **be polite.**
- If the police tell you that you are **NOT** free to go, it probably means that you are being "detained." **IF detained, THEN do not walk away. Breathe, remain calm, cooperate while asserting your rights.** It is a good idea to politely ask: "Am I free to go?" or "Am I being arrested or detained?"

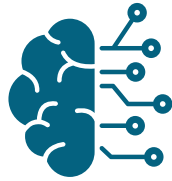
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- **IF your cell phone is passcode protected, THEN there is no obligation on you to provide the police with your passcode.**
- **Ask for a lawyer if arrested.** You have a right to speak to legal counsel, and the police must advise you of this right ASAP. You can say, **“I prefer not to answer any questions until I speak to my lawyer.”** Repeat if necessary.
- You have the right to a telephone and the right to make more than one call, if necessary, in order to reach a lawyer.
- You have a right to speak to your lawyer in private.

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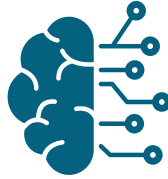
PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS

- IF we obstruct or hinder officers in performing their duties, THEN we are subject to police action.
- IF we behave in a way that prevents an officer from performing their duty, THEN we could be charged. However, we are allowed to record or photograph someone being detained or arrested. Always allow officers to do their job as they see fit and we record.

“Sorry Officer, but I have the right to take video and photographs in a public place. Please inform me where I can stand.”



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WHEN RECORDING RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN PUBLIC

- Record the incident on your phone **ASAP** or write down relevant information. If possible, get contact information from any witness.
- Use your voice to gather witnesses (ex. scream for help) and document the location, date and time of the incident(s) with them. Legal observers are essential in protests.
- When speaking to an officer, you may request and record their name and badge number and whether they are from the RCMP, provincial, or municipal forces.
- IF someone else takes photos/video for you, THEN make sure you have the name and contact information of that person.

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IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED

WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY & WE HAVE RIGHTS & FREEDOMS

- IF you have a complaint against PM Trudeau or the Federal Government, THEN you should contact the Governor General of Canada's Office and make your official complaint.
 - **Governor-General Office Phone Number: 1-800-465-6890**
- IF you have a complaint against the RCMP, THEN you should contact the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP.
 - **Only online complaints allowed & faxes to: 1-613-952-8045.**
**Due to RCMP resource restrictions, no phone is available.*
- IF you need legal advice, THEN please speak to a defence lawyer for additional help
 - **Defence Lawyer Hotline at: 1-647-251-9710**
 - **Or by email at: TruckersLawyers2022@gmail.com**

ADAPTED FROM:

'Know Your Rights Guide to Protesting' – www.ccla.org

'Interacting with Police' – www.rabble.ca

'Know Your Rights An Activist's Guide to the Law' – www.campusactivism.org

'Protesting: Your Rights and the Law' – www.constitutional.findlaw.ca

'A Legal Guide for Activists' – www.movementdefence.org

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IF FEARING ARREST



HOW MUST I BEHAVE AS A LAWFUL CANADIAN CITIZEN?

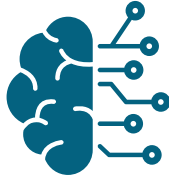
When dealing with police
ALWAYS be a respectful
Canadian. Please.

DO NOT resist arrest, pat
down or being unlawfully
searched. Stick to your rights.

DO NOT lie or provide false
documents to police.

Strength is not intimidation.
It is Self Regulation!

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK

"What is the problem officer?"

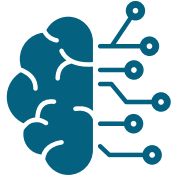
"Am I being detained officer?"

"Am I under arrest officer?"

"What offence am I being charged with?"

"Where can I stand to protest peacefully and record, officer?"

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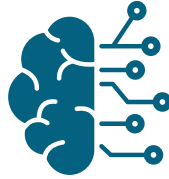


WHAT IF DETAINED/ARRESTED AS A LAWFUL CANADIAN CITIZEN

**IF you are being
DETAINED or
ARRESTED, THEN ask
to speak to a lawyer
immediately.**

This is a critical right
for you to assert as a
Canadian. Repeat if
necessary.

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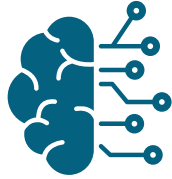
RIGHT TO SILENCE AS A LAWFUL CANADIAN CITIZEN

We each have the very powerful right to remain silent, EXCEPT during the following 2 examples:

1) IF operating a motor vehicle when asked by an officer THEN we must provide our License & Registration. IF you're a passenger THEN say nothing unless arrested, charged or ticketed.

2) IF arrested, charged or ticketed, THEN we must identify ourselves, clearly, with our NAME, DOB, ADDRESS.

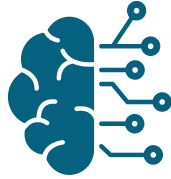
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CAN I BE SEARCHED AS A LAWFUL CANADIAN CITIZEN?

NO ONE, including the police, have the right to conduct any search, this includes your closed; mobile phone (with passcode protection), car, bag, truck, wagon, etc..., **UNLESS** they have an official warrant to search you (or your consent to be searched).

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HOW TO CONTACT A LAWYER AS A LAWFUL CANADIAN CITIZEN

The FreedomConvoy has a Defence Lawyer Hotline accessible to all Canadian Truckers and fellow protesters.

All thanks for this legal tip sheet and the Defence Lawyer Hotline goes to the brave crew @JCCF Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms.

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