

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1. Ask, "Am I free to go?" and walk away if the Officer says yes
2. You have the right to remain silent. Do not answer police questions beyond giving your name and ID. Ask to speak to a lawyer and do not say anything more.
3. You do not have to consent to a search. Police can pat you down if they claim to believe you have a weapon. They can search you if you are under arrest. If an officer tries to search you, say "I do not consent to this search."
4. Document everything you can, especially if you are injured during your arrest. Include Officer names, badge #s, and any witnesses.
5. Contact a lawyer. Remember jail calls are recorded. Contact our legal line, email us, or complete the form on our website to request a volunteer lawyer

These rights apply to people who are immigrants regardless of status. You do not have to speak to officers about your status or history. Ask to speak to an attorney and say nothing else.



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Information Security

Keep yourself and others safe by protecting your information.

Think twice before posting on social media. Avoid discussing illegal activities. Be sure to have consent before sharing a photo or video of anyone. Police watch social media to collect evidence and identify people.



Secure your phone. Remove facial recognition/finger print passwords from your phone. Take notifications off of your lock screen. Turn off location services or use airplane mode if possible. Text using Signal or other encrypted services. Have a strong password and 2 factor identification wherever possible.

Remember that there are cameras all over the City and most of them are not plainly visible. Police and DAs will use this footage in order to press charges against people.

If you are arrested, do not discuss the details of your case with anyone except your lawyer. Remember that jail calls are recorded, even those with a lawyer.

What if I am arrested?

It is a good idea to think about a plan in case you are arrested no matter what you think you will be doing at a protest. Think of emergency arrangements for work, school, kids, pets, and medications. Be sure to have a legal line or emergency contact number written on your arm. Wear a mask!

After an arrest, police will perform a search and take the person to the Denver City Jail to be "booked". Police will run finger prints and a records check. The police will state what charges the person is facing. These can change over time.

Next the person will have a bond (aka bail) hearing where a judge will decide if the person can leave jail before trial. The judge may let the person sign a promise to return (aka PR), require a bond payment, or deny release before trial. The next court appearance will be the arraignment, where the person could plead guilty or not guilty.

It is a good idea to get a lawyer as soon as possible, Some people will qualify for a public defender. Protesters interested in a volunteer attorney can request one at www.nlgcolorado.org

