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Know Your Rights!

Free Speech &
Protests

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Free Speech & How to Exercise this Right as a Protestor/Demonstrator

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Why must we protect dissent?

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- ▶ Preserving speech for **ALL** people means the state cannot suppress voices it disfavors.

Can the police search my phone during a protest/demonstration?

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- ▶ Police officers **MUST** obtain a warrant before searching your cell phone.



Tips to consider before engaging in a protest/demonstration:

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- ▶ Write important phone numbers on your arm
- ▶ Bring a small amount of cash (if possible)
- ▶ Bring an I.D. (if you have one)
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Medication in a prescription bottle if you need it
- ▶ Always prepare to be away from home longer than expected

