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ANTI-DOXXING: Speaking out online comes with special risks. Consider how your digital footprint could impact your activism and daily life.



Basic online safety tips:

- **Accounts:** search for online info on you with Google/social to ID sensitive content to backup or delete/remove tags; lock down accounts with 2-factor authentication and private mode (even temporarily); review security questions (do NOT use public info for answers)
- **Device:** use a #-based unlock device code (ideally 9 digits); set up a PIN for your SIM card; don't give USB accessories control of your locked device
- **Computer:** turn ON your firewall, anti-virus software; turn OFF remote access

If you're new to activism this zine is for you to stay safe <3



STAY SAFE

IN THE WORKPLACE: In Ontario, you do not have a legal right to free speech at work unless you are a provincial or federal government employee.



Your workplace rights will vary depending on your status as a worker: Contractor or employee? Union or non-union? Federal or provincial sector? Permanent or temp?



To reduce risk of retaliation or termination, avoid wearing or doing anything that connects you to your employer while protesting. You may also wish to make your socials private; ensure coworkers and/or clients don't follow you; avoid posting on socials during work hrs or using company tech; avoid linking your employer on socials!

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n.b. This is NOT a legal advice zine or comprehensive guide! But resources are included when you unfold this zine!



We will cover bare minimums on:

- Protest preparation
 - Interacting with police
 - Online surveillance/doxxing
 - Workplace retaliation
- People have the right to gather and protest in Canada. However, activism comes with risk and your rights may not be respected. This zine was written to help you stay safe on the streets and online and to better assess your environment.

- Searches: Can only be conducted without consent in a few situations (detention, arrest, probation condition, warrant, reasonable grounds to believe you have evidence).

- Detention/Arrest: These are not the same. In both cases, you have a right to know why you are being held and to speak to a lawyer. You do not have to answer questions and can say, "I want to remain silent." However, if you don't ID yourself while detained, you could be arrested. If arrested, don't speak to cellmates (potential informants).

Exercising your right to remain silent can't be held against you in court, though police might tell you otherwise.

It is highly recommended you consult further resources if you plan to participate in more high risk actions that may result in detention/arrest.



with ink on your arm

- **Coms:** make sure people know you will be attending and have a plan if you do not return; write important phone #s

- **Phone:** no fingerprint/face unlock; delete sensitive content
- **Books, sensitive materials**
- **Leave behind:** weapons, drugs, phone books, sensitive materials
- **Phone:** no fingerprint/face unlock; delete sensitive content

- **Bring:** water, food, 3 days of meds

- **Wear:** plain clothes/cover tattoos (nothing to ID you), face mask, shoes to run in. Protect skin/bring change of clothes if anticipating tear gas and no contact lens!

STREET PROTEST CHECKLIST



You are at **higher risk** if you are: Black, Indigenous, Muslim, POC, disabled, queer/trans, a psyche survivor, parent/caregiver, have a criminal record or uncertain immigration status. Consider going with a buddy!

DEALING WITH POLICE

- **DON'T:**
 - lie or give a false name, address or documents
 - give your phone's PIN/code
 - resist a search or arrest
 - speak unless necessary; you do not need to explain yourself
 - linger when a crowd thins out
 - post photos of people's faces online

DO:

- obtain an officer's name/badge # if your rights have been violated
- state you do not consent to a search even if you think it might be legal

Police may deceive or make false promises:

- **Stops:** If walking, you are usually free to leave. You may ask, "Am I free to go?" or "Am I being arrested or detained?" If on a bike, you may need to ID yourself.

Excerpt: Political Prisoners, Prisons & Black Liberation by Angela Davis from If They Come in the Morning... Voices of Resistance, 1971

Despite a long history of exalted appeals to man's inherent right of resistance, there has seldom been agreement on how to relate in practice to unjust, immoral laws and the oppressive social order from which they emanate. The conservative, who does not dispute the validity of revolutions deeply buried in history, invokes visions of impending anarchy in order to legitimize his demand for absolute obedience. Law and order, with the major emphasis on order, is his watchword. The liberal articulates his sensitiveness to certain of society's intolerable details, but will almost never prescribe methods of resistance which exceed the limits of legality—redress through electoral channels is the liberal's panacea.

... Black people have been continually cautioned to be patient. We are advised that as long as we remain faithful to the existing democratic order, the glorious moment will eventually arrive when we will come into our own as full-fledged human beings. But having been taught by bitter experience, we know that there is a glaring incongruity between democracy and the capitalist economy which is the source of our ills...

... the history of the United States has been marred from its inception by an enormous quantity of unjust laws, far too many expressly bolstering the oppression of Black people... Our very survival has frequently been a direct function of our skill in forging effective channels of resistance. In resisting, we have sometimes been compelled to openly violate those laws which directly or indirectly buttress our oppression. But even when containing our resistance within the orbit of legality, we have been labeled criminals and have been methodically persecuted by a racist legal apparatus...

... The political function of racist domination is surfacing with accelerated intensity. Whites, who have professed their solidarity with the Black Liberation Movement and have moved in a distinctly revolutionary direction, find themselves targets of the self-same repression. Even the anti-war movement, rapidly exhibiting an anti-imperialist consciousness, is falling victim to government repression.

Citations & Resources

- Arab Canadian Lawyers Association's list of lawyers and employee rights guide (geared toward those supporting Palestine): <https://www.canarablaw.org/support>
- Movement Defence Protest Safety Guide: <https://web.archive.org/web/20220219004035/https://movementdefence.org/2020/02/a-legal-guide-for-activists/>
- Community Defense: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Mmu0isaMJJxVHs2kDWcrZDCGREzajnxA>
- Canadian Civil Liberties Association: <https://ccla.org/our-work/fundamental-freedoms/right-to-protest>
- Equality Labs Anti-doxxing Guide 3.0: <https://www.equalitylabs.org/research/publications-resources>
- Zebra Crossing Digital Safety Checklist: <https://zebracrossing.narwhalacademy.org/>
- North-Shore Info Security Culture: <https://north-shore.info/2019/11/05/confidence-courage-connection-trust-a-proposal-for-security-culture> (advanced)