



Checklist for protest security

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Wear loose, comfortable clothing, layered preferably, that can be removed if grabbed.

Consider wearing a cap/face cover/bandana to prevent face recognition if recorded at protests by police.



People who use chest binders, please consider avoiding them especially if you don't know when you will get to take them off.

People who tuck, please keep in mind when you will have access to aftercare or restrooms.



Avoid wearing jewellery and carrying expensive things to protest.

Try to cover up easily identifiable tattoos, hairstyles for increased privacy.



Carry a bottle of water, electrolytes, some snacks, some cash and your medicines, if any, to protests.

Avoid using oils, vaseline, oil-based sunscreen as they can trap tear gas. Use gel-based sunscreen that can be easily washed off with water.



Avoid carrying debit or credit cards to protests. It is best to leave your wallet at home.

Use buddy system. Take at least one friend with you to a protest.

Agree on a meet-up point in advance, in case you get separated during the protest.



Take regular breaks from walking, sloganeering, etc to sustain energy.

Consider informing a friend who is not physically at the protest to check-in periodically.

Share live location if required.



Keep your phone off or on airplane mode as much as possible during the protest.

If you have two phones, consider keeping the main phone at home safely and carry the secondary one to the protest.



Use SIGNAL to share protest related information. Use chat lock feature on WHATSAPP.

Blur faces of people attending protest when sharing images/videos on social media.



**While documenting protests,
use hard drives/pen drives.
Cloud storage has been
known to be tampered by
Google.**

**Secure social media
accounts with updated,
strong passwords,
two-factor authentication.**

**Turn off comments on your
posts, block and report
people, if needed.**



It is okay to take social media breaks, deactivate your account temporarily, if you face targeted violence on social media.

There is a long fight ahead, and we need you to take care and not burn out, or get hurt in the process.

We shall overcome.