

**BE BOLD
BE SMART**

**HOW TO KEEP EACH OTHER
SAFE IN THE FACE OF
INCREASED STATE
REPRESSION**



WHAT DOES REPRESSION LOOK LIKE RIGHT NOW?

- 13 protesters in Portland have been arrested with federal charges, most at gunpoint.
- FBI visits are increasing in Portland and have occurred in the Bay Area
- People are being served grand jury subpoenas in Portland, Minneapolis, and other cities around the U.S.



IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, FEDERAL AGENTS ARE:

- **Using cell tower pings to locate, detain, and arrest people through the use of “ping warrants”**
- Identifying people based on clothing, tattoos, and other markings visible through social media posts of protests
- **Mapping out networks of organizers based on information gathered through social media, grand juries, and otherwise that can be used to make additional visits, issue additional warrants, track down people they are looking for, grand jury subpoenas**
- Making visits to people who live stream and post video and photos from protests
- **Collaborating with task forces that include local police, sheriffs and US marshals to pursue and prosecute protestors.**



WHAT TO DO IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT KNOCKS...

- Do not let them in - you may choose not to answer the door and ask to see the warrant by sliding it under the door or step outside to speak with them.
- Ask to see the warrant and check to make sure it is signed by a judge, dated for the date in question, and issued correctly - that the names and addresses are correct. If not then you can refuse.
- Evoke your right to remain silent by saying, "I do not wish to talk to you. Can I have your business card so my lawyer can call you?" Do not say anything else.
- Seek legal advice - NLG-SF has a network of attorneys who may be able to help you.
- Call NLG-SF FBI Hotline and leave us a voicemail with how best to reach you.

415-285-1041



WHAT TO DO IF LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS A SEARCH WARRANT...

- If the warrant is issued correctly, you are required to let them in, or they may force entry.
- You can still evoke your right to remain silent
- Text people you trust to come witness - set up a text loop with trusted people if warrants are being issued in your circle, or ideally before.
- Document what law enforcement is doing, taking, searching, saying.
- Call the NLG-SF or a trusted lawyer.



IF SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY IS ARRESTED, VISITED AND/OR SEARCHED BY AGENTS...

- Organize a jail support team to pick them up and monitor case on the county inmate locator
- Care for their dependents or pets
- Do not post their picture on social media! Law enforcement and fascists are using social media to identify targets for doxing, and threatening arrestees and extended networks
- **Call NLG-SF FBI Hotline 415-285-1041**



WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF & THE MOVEMENT:

- **Be thoughtful about what you have in your house or on your person that could be used against you or others.**

This includes but is not limited to:

- Political paraphernalia: posters, zines, books, manuals (anything tying you to a specific tendency and/or organization)
- Objects perceived as weapons - this has included laser lights, shields, mace, martial arts tools as well as more explicit weapons
- Prescription or illicit (not legal) drugs
- Clothing worn during protests

- **Have conversations with loved ones about your wishes for bail and who you would like contacted if you are arrested.**



IS TECHNOLOGY EVER SECURE?

- There is NO secure way to post videos or photos of protesters on social media
- Live-streamers are being targeted and visited by law enforcement and fascists
- Be aware of the role that (even allied) media can play in collecting and disseminating information that can be used by feds and/or fascists
- Even "secure" encrypted end-to-end messaging on phones and laptops can be accessed by the State if they have your phone in possession
 - Always set quickly disappearing messages on Signal
 - Don't share sensitive information over online video conferencing
- **The pandemic coupled with wildfires play a role in creating a sense of complacency around this given the immense barriers to communication. If at all possible, communicate in person or leave written messages that can be easily destroyed.**



WHAT IS NON-COOPERATION?

Simply said, just don't talk. But what else does this mean?

- Commit to non-cooperation and not talking to police beyond evoking your right to remain silent. Statements you make, even in a casual conversation can be used against you or others. Remember- cops can and do lie! Silence is the best solution.
- Show up for people as witnesses when they are visited, being raided or are arrested
- Create rapid response teams within your political and personal networks to show up when you/others are needed
- Create and participate in safety plans for you and your community, especially those who are dependent on you



GET SUPPORT

If you or someone you know is arrested, call NLG-SF hotline: If you are in not in jail: (415) 909-4NLG

If you are in jail, call: (415) 285-1011

If you or someone you know is visited by the FBI call the NLG-SF FBI hotline: 415-285-1041

If you need bail, Bay Area Anti Repression Committee has funds available which you can request through the above NLG hotlines.

