



Direct Action Protest Safety

#1

Know Your Rights! You have the right to refuse to unlock your device or provide the PIN. Besides identifying your self the only thing you need to say to police is:

*"I am going to remain silent,
I do not consent to a search,
I want to speak to my attorney"*



#2

Use Signal App by Signal Foundation (signal.org or in your phone app store) for secure private text, calls, and groups.



#3

Encrypt your device: In Android phones turn on encryption in settings → security → encrypt (you need to have screen lock enabled to see these options, it may take 15-20 minutes to take effect so do this before a protest). Iphone 6 and higher already have device encryption enabled by default. It is better to leave your computer at home, but if you bring it you should enable encryption on your computer before you take it to a protest.



#4

After you have encrypted your device, then turn off face/finger unlock, instead use a PIN to open your phone. Ideally use a PIN ten or more characters long (if you are using four now, input it three times to get to twelve). If you need to take photos and videos during the protest, do so without unlocking your phone. Backup your data before going to a protest, because your device might be damaged, stolen, or seized by police.



#5

Protect your location: Powered cell phones are always tracking their location from cell towers, however you can enhance your location privacy by opting out of google maps and turning off location services. The phone's location is most private when power is turned off or when put into airplane mode or a faraday cage.



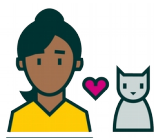
#6

If cell networks go down use Briar App (briarproject.org) to continue to communicate with people nearby.



#7

If you anticipate getting arrested you may want to use a short term "burner" phone you don't mind losing when attending a protest. For more on how to set this up: "Protesters, Here's How to Set Up a Cheap Burner Phone" by Micah Lee: <https://archive.ph/whE31>



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