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- If you are on a city street when you are arrested, you can face state charges (which tend to be lesser in nature).
- Do not resist arrest — but you do have the right to ask why. According to the ACLU, “Don’t say anything, sign anything or make any decisions without a lawyer. You have the right to make a local phone call, and if you’re calling your lawyer, police are not allowed to listen.”



ARREST, CONT'D

- To be given one phone call — make it to a lawyer or someone who can arrange one. Write down important phone numbers on your arm in advance.
- Have a contact at the group you organized with — they may be able to help raise bail or start a group application to cover the fee.
- If you are undocumented, you will likely have more charges and face legal immigration issues.
- You do not have to provide any ID to police or answer any questions without a lawyer present.
- If you are arrested on federal property — you can face federal charges.

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AFTER THE PROTEST

After the protest is done it’s easy to feel like enough was said, that the statement was made. But organizers remind you that the protest itself isn’t enough.

Chris Paulsen, the executive director of Freedom Indiana, spoke with NUVO about the power of your presence. Paulsen noted that just showing up speaks volumes to those in power. “We heard this, when we would have a rally at the Statehouse,” says Paulsen. “The legislators were like, ‘Whoa, someone cares.’”

Paulsen also notes that phone calls can change a legislator’s mind. While they don’t listen to every one, their legislative assistants will give them a tally every day on how many calls supported an issue and how many were against.



WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE CONTACTS FOR SITTING INDIANA SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

- Sen. Dan Coats 202-224-5623 *
- Sen. Joe Donnelly 202-224-4814
- Rep. Peter Visclosky 202-225-2461
- Rep. Jackie Walorski 202-225-3915
- Rep. Marlin Stutzman 202-225-4436
- Rep. Todd Rokita 202-225-5037
- Rep. Susan W. Brooks 202-225-2276
- Rep. Luke Messer 202-225-3021
- Rep. André Carson 202-225-4011
- Rep. Larry Bucshon 202-225-4636
- Rep. Todd Young 202-225-5315 *

OTHER ACTIONS:

1. Donate to organizations that represent your values.
2. Attend your local school board and precinct meetings.
3. Educate and speak with your neighbors, family and friends — and not just in Facebook flame wars.

* Positions noted are current term.

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POCKET GUIDE TO PROTESTING

THE FIRST AMENDMENT:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or **the right of the people peaceably to assemble**, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

YOUR RIGHTS:

- Just by being in this country you are protected by the rights of the U.S. Constitution — and you don’t have to be a citizen to have that protection, just physically be in the country.

WHAT PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY MEANS:

- You can’t block more than half of the sidewalks.
- You can’t block entrances to buildings.
- You can’t block directions police give.
- You can’t protest on private property unless you have an agreement with the owner.
- Don’t block street traffic unless you have arranged for street closures with IMPD and the city.

WHAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH MEANS:

- You can say whatever you want
- ... And counter-protestors can as well. This can spark violence. Respect their right to protest as well.

WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU ARE ARRESTED:

- To be in jail or police custody for at least several hours
- To possibly stay overnight or over the weekend

The first amendment — the very first one — of the United States’ Constitution protects your right to assemble peacefully and protest. Never done it? Want to get involved in protesting and advocating for civil rights in Indianapolis? Consider this a beginner’s guide to protesting. (We’ve even included a protest sign inside.) There are thousands of people flooding the streets protesting the presidential election all over the country. In Indianapolis, there are community groups including (very) new and entrenched organizations putting together protests, rallies and discussions.

LISTEN TO THE

VOICE OF THE

PEOPLE

ADVICE FOR PROTESTING FROM ORGANIZERS

ADVICE FROM EARTH CHARTER INDIANA'S JIM POYSER:

"Bring a bottle of water; prepare chants appropriate for the rally or march; prepare your own signs appropriate to the message of the rally; say hello to the police who are accompanying the march or observing the rally; meet your fellow rally-goers — this isn't just about you and your friends/org, say hello to your allies."

ADVICE FROM INDY10'S LEAH HUMPHREY:

"Pack light; bring your ID and a water. Don't do anything you aren't comfortable with. Let someone that is staying at home know that you plan to attend a protest so they can make arrangements for you in case you are arrested. If you know there is a high chance of you getting arrested, write the number to friends/family/bail funds on your arm in Sharpie. Do not write numbers on your hands because it can sweat off. Stay vigilant. Pay attention to your surroundings. Stay safe. Remember why you're there."

ADVICE FROM LGBTQ ADVOCATE KIM SAYLOR:

"Number one rule: Don't agitate and completely ignore any anti-protestors; do not engage. Always have a bail fundraiser going."

ADVICE FROM ACTIVIST AND NUVO WRITER NICK SELM:

"Don't try to reinvent the wheel. Before you get to thinking that you're gonna start some movement from scratch and set the world on fire, do some research. Whether the issue is around racial justice, LGBTQ rights, women's issues or the environment, there are probably one or two groups dedicated to fighting for those causes that have already been active for years and who already have the experience and (perhaps) the resources, but have been waiting for people like you to join their ranks and help them hit the streets. Organizing from the bottom up takes time and dedication. If you do start from scratch, be prepared to work for years building your base before you start to see any victories."

GET INVOLVED

ADVOCATING FOR RACIAL EQUALITY:

DONT SLEEP

Mission: "DONT SLEEP tackles criminal justice, education, LGBTQI equity, public health, community sustainability, equal access regardless of ability, public health and domestic and state violence."

Upcoming Events: Organizers say they're currently working on a few initiatives, including a petition — Equity or Else: Accountable IMPD Police Reform — and a toy drive in honor of Tamir Rice.
Naptowndontsleep.org

SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Mission: "Through community organizing, mobilizing and education, SURJ moves White people to act as part of a multiracial majority for justice with passion and accountability."

facebook.com/IndianapolisSURJ

INDY10

Mission: "We are pushing for the liberation of all Black people and marginalized people from a white supremacist system. Our main focus is police brutality but that is only a small piece to this large broken system."

— LEAH HUMPHREY

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PROTECTING IMMIGRANT RIGHTS:

INDIANA UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH ALLIANCE

Mission: "Alianza de Jovenes Indocumentados de Indiana, The Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance, Inc. (IUYA), is a youth-led 501(c)3 nonprofit agency committed to empowering undocumented youth to achieve high levels of education, influence public policy, and overall improve the quality of life of undocumented communities in the state of Indiana."
iuya.org

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:

INDIANA FOREST ALLIANCE

Mission: "IFA works to improve forest policies in the state through advocacy, education, grassroots organizing, research and litigation."

Upcoming Event: Stand UP For Your Forests:

A Rally at the Statehouse February 20, 2017, 11 a.m.; Indiana Statehouse. The Indiana Forest Alliance's biggest upcoming protest is Monday, February 20 (President's Day), inside the Indiana Statehouse, to protest the rampant logging in our state forests.

NO DAKOTA ACCESS INDY

Mission: "We organize to help stop this project and to support everyone else who is doing the same."

Upcoming Event: NoDAPL Rally at DrumStick Dash November 24, 7 a.m., meeting point is White Pine Wilderness Academy.

EARTH CHARTER INDIANA

Mission: "Earth Charter Indiana exists to inspire and advance sustainable, just and peaceful living in Indiana by promoting the values and principles of the Earth Charter."
Earthcharterindiana.org

FOSTERING LGBTQ RIGHTS:

FREEDOM INDIANA

Mission: "Freedom Indiana believes our state should promote religious liberty in a way that respects all Hoosiers. Freedom from discrimination is a core American and Hoosier value."
freedomindiana.org

QUEERING INDY

Mission: "Queering Indy is aimed at just that — creating additional spaces for queer and trans communities to connect."

Upcoming Event: MelaNation at General Public Collective Tuesday, November 29
facebook.com/queeringindy

PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS:

PERIODS FOR POLITICIANS

Mission: "P4P organizes direct-contact campaigns with a focus on reproductive justice awareness. You want to legislate my body? You'd better know how it works!"
facebook.com/REALP4P

INDY FEMINISTS

Mission: "Indy Feminists is a collaborative group of proactive, experienced activists that works to bring positive change to Indiana."
indyfeminists.wordpress.com

PANTSUIT NATION OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL INDIANA

Mission: "For positive discussion and organization in support of all people who feel fear and anger about a Trump presidency."
[facebook.com - Closed Group](https://facebook.com/ClosedGroup)

INDIANA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

Mission: "Educating the public and media about the status of and threats to women's rights; organizing rallies, protests, demonstrations and marches of all sizes; protesting businesses that mistreat women and people of color; lobbying for and writing laws that promote full equality for women; Supporting and electing feminist candidates at all levels of government; working in coalition with progressive allies."

Upcoming Event: Indianapolis Chapter Meeting December 14, 6:30 p.m., Glendale Library, 6101 N. Keystone Ave.
Nowofindiana.org

PROTECTING CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS:

RESPECTFUL RESISTANCE

Mission: "We resist injustice, hatred, violence, abuse, oppression, racism, sexism, bigotry, malicious deceit and bullying — through education, engagement and nonviolent protest."

Upcoming Event: Rally at the Statehouse December 17, time TBD

MUSLIM ALLIANCE OF INDIANA

Mission: "MAI envisions a future in which thriving and integrated Hoosier Muslims serve their broader communities and the state, and in which they are considered as an indispensable component of Indiana's political, economic, religious and social fabrics."
info@indianamuslims.org

MULTI-ORG EVENTS

Upcoming event: Trump Inauguration Protest January 20, 2017, 11 a.m., Indianapolis City-County Building, 200 E. Washington St.

Upcoming event: Women's March on Washington
Mission: "This march is the first step toward unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society." Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. January 21, 2017, 10 a.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: All protests and events are free and all-ages unless otherwise noted. By no means is this a comprehensive list. Contact editors@nuvo.net to add your upcoming protests and gatherings to our list. Missions are quoted from organizations' websites.



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