

10 THINGS NONCITIZEN PROTESTORS NEED TO KNOW

1. If you are attending a protest, **tell a friend, family, and/or an immigration attorney, if you have one.**
2. For safety purposes, **leave your cell phone at home or turn off fingerprint/Face ID unlock features (use a strong password instead), location tracking, bluetooth, and Wi-Fi.**
3. Memorize or write down the **number of your lawyer or legal/jail support hotline and emergency contact.**
4. **Know to what degree local law enforcement and the jail cooperate with ICE** (ideally before taking to the streets). Some cooperate closely with ICE, others less so. **Check out this link to learn more:** ilrc.org/local-enforcement-map
5. Knowing how the jail and ICE collaborate can impact **whether bond or bail is paid for a noncitizen protestor**: In some locations, paying bond/bail can trigger a transfer to ICE. In other places, paying bond/bail quickly after arrest will avoid an ICE transfer. **Connect with local immigrant organizers, attorneys, and public defenders.**
6. **If you are arrested:**
 -  **Remain silent and say you want a lawyer.** Exercise your right to remain silent if ICE is present at any point in the process.
 -  **Do not provide your country of birth or citizenship or immigration status** to any police or jail official.
-  **Do not sign anything.**
-  **Call your contacts to request legal assistance, but do not talk about the arrest.**
7. If arrested, within 24-48 hours of your arrest, **you can generally expect to see a judge to hear what you're charged with and whether you'll be released or have to pay bail.** You'll be assigned a criminal defense attorney who you'll probably meet just before the hearing.
8. If arrested, **locate an immigration attorney as soon as possible**, or better yet, ask an immigration attorney to be "on call" during the protest activity. If you're able to, alert any local rapid response networks about ICE activity or collaboration.
9. **Do not plead guilty** to anything without having your criminal defense attorney consult with an immigration attorney first. **Your criminal defense attorney has a legal obligation to do so.**
10. Avoid sharing any photos, videos, or other content signaling your participation in the protest. **Law enforcement, including ICE, is known to monitor protestor social media accounts and can use any online postings against you.**

If you are on a student visa and are protesting at your college/university: Avoid actions leading to suspension from your school, as that could risk leaving you out of status. Avoid actions leading to arrests, which could result in the cancellation of your visa by the Department of State.