



PROTEST & CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE RESOURCES

Whether you are organizing, documenting, or participating in a protest, it is important to [know your rights](#) as a protest participant. It is also important to know your [arrest rights](#) in case you are arrested. The First Amendment protects your right to assemble and express your views through protest. However, police and other government officials are allowed to place certain restrictions on the exercise of speech rights as long as those restrictions are consistent with the law. Make sure you're prepared by brushing up on your rights before heading out to protest.

The resources in this document are provided by the ACLU of Oregon and includes resources developed by the national ACLU. This document also includes contact information for law firms and organizations in Oregon who aim to be accessible to support protestors who are detained while they are protesting. Please note that ACLU of Oregon, national ACLU, and law firms and organizations listed in this document cannot guarantee legal services, counsel, or representation.

If you are an attorney and would like to be added to this resource guide, please contact info@aclu-or.org.

If You Are Protesting and You Believe Your Rights Are or Were Violated by the Police:

- Write down everything you can remember, including officer names and info
- Get name and contact information from witnesses
- Take time-stamped photos/video of injuries and get medical care as needed
- If you are arrested, you should contact an attorney as soon as possible
- If you cannot find an attorney or cannot afford one, you may request a public defender or court-appointed lawyer be assigned to you

*Please try to do the steps above as soon as possible, but even if it is some time after a police interaction, writing down what you can remember or trying to gather witness info or relevant photos/videos may still be helpful.

Know Your Arrest Rights ([More Info Here](#)):

- You have a right to an attorney
- You have a right to remain silent and not answer questions
- You have a right to make a phone call



If You Are Facing Criminal Charges or Citations:

If you have been arrested or cited with a criminal violation in connection with activism or speech, here are Oregon attorneys who may be able to consult with you:

- Visible Law, 503-773-0103
- Oregon Innocence Project, 503-944-2270
- Viktoria Lo Attorney at Law LLC, 971-245-2085
- Cameron Hansen Law, 503-382-8789
- Law Office of N. David Shamloo, 503-220-5045 (foreign student/immigration)
- Hoffman & Associates, 503-222-1125
- Andy Green Attorney at Law P.C., 503-477-5040
- Jennifer Myrick, 503-866-7154
- DeAnna Horne Attorney at Law LLC, 503-732-9421
- Civil Liberties Defense Center, <https://cldc.org/contact/>
- Oregon State Bar Attorney Referral Service, 1-800-452-7636

If You Are Facing School Disciplinary Proceedings:

If you are facing discipline from your college or education institution relating to your activism or speech, here are Oregon attorneys who may be able to consult with you:

- The Brague Law Firm, 503-922-2243
- Carrie Menikoff Law LLC, 503-568-5893
- Hoffman & Associates, 503-222-1125
- People's Law Project, 971-258-1292
- Oregon State Bar Attorney Referral Service, 1-800-452-7636

If You Have Experienced Civil Rights Violations:

If you were in a place where you had a right to speak and were told you could not, or a police officer used excessive force or violence while arresting or detaining you, here are Oregon attorneys who may be able to consult with you:

- Albies & Stark, 503-308-4771
- Levi Merrithew Horst, 971-229-1241
- Law Office of Daniel Snyder, 503-241-3617
- People's Law Project, 971-258-1292
- LeDuc Montgomery LLC, 704-702-6934
- National Lawyers Guild, 512-922-0296
- Oregon Justice Resource Center, 503-944-2270
- Oregon State Bar Attorney Referral Service, 1-800-452-7636

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