

LEGAL SOLIDARITY
BAY AREA
LEGAL
HOTLINE
510-250-1700

Write on your body in case of arrest
Number may not be staffed unless
arranged in advance
Legal Self & Community Defense
MICRO ZINE!

Knowledge is power. Read on to learn
about your legal rights and options if
stopped by police.

Legal Solidarity of the Bay Area is
an autonomous collective providing
legal solidarity and education for
radical action toward liberation in
the SF Bay Area. Preparation for
repression is a necessary tool for
autonomous actions and social
movements. Build power through
careful legal solidarity.

We offer popular education, and
provide support for direct actions,
protests, demonstrations, and
communities resisting displacement.
We connect people with networks of
available resources.

We oppose all forms of oppression in
society as well as within our
organizations and movements.

WHAT LSBA DOES:

- Supports people and groups taking direct action, or otherwise risking arrest, from action preparation through initial court appearances.
- Maintains a hotline that can respond to legal emergencies that occur during and after, track people through the initial legal processes, and help people and groups organize for their first appearances.
- Creates and conducts workshops about handling confrontations with law enforcement, navigating the system, and organizing legal solidarity.
- Consults with groups on any of these topics: Collaborates with groups providing bail, legal assistance, and other forms of legal supports.

Arrest Warnings
Police are usually required to give audible warnings and let you leave before unlawful assembly arrests. They often don't. Also, they can arrest you for other offenses without a warning.

Police Misconduct
Do not expect police to tell the truth or follow the law. They are not always required to read your Miranda Rights. If you believe your rights have been violated, get treatment for and document any injuries, and contact one of LSBA's partners for civil legal help.

Free Speech
You do not need a permit to exercise your rights to freedom of speech and assembly. The bigger and louder your event, the more likely the police will hassle about not having a permit



To email us: legalsolidarity@pm.me
To request support on an action:
bayrequest.protestlaw.org
We Keep Us Safe!

If you are arrested,
Do not give police your phone number and **do not** consent to a search of your phone. If your phone has a lock screen, police need a warrant or your consent to search it. So do not consent!

Providing ID during a citation or arrest may shorten your time in custody but you are not required to, unless you are driving a car.

In California, most misdemeanor arrests required citation and release.

If LSBA supported this action, call us!
We will track your arrest, remind you of these rights, and provide solidarity

If you are arrested, say:
“I am going to remain silent, I want to see a lawyer.”

Repeat every time you are questioned.
Do not wait to be read your rights.

If arrested, you do not have to answer anything other than: 1. name, 2. date of birth, and 3. address. Answering these questions may get you out of jail more quickly. Providing any other information can easily incriminate you and your friends.

Do not answer questions about your citizenship status. Whether you are a citizen or not, refusing to answer helps to keep all of us safe regardless of our status.

Police Stops in Public:
Unless driving a car or at border coming into the U.S., you never have to talk to police. It is always in your best interest to get legal advice before answering any questions.

If stopped by police, ask:
“Am I being detained, or am I free to go?”

If detained say,
“I am going to remain silent, I want to see a lawyer.”

If police try to search you, say:
“I do not consent to searches.”
It can be dangerous to physically resist a search, but never verbally consent. Police may search anyway, but saying you do not consent may limit the evidence they can use later.