

Can I photograph or shoot video?

Yes, when you are lawfully present in any public space, **you have the right to photograph anything in plain view**, including federal buildings and the police. On private property, the owner may set rules about photography or video.

Police officers **may not confiscate or demand to view your photographs or video without a warrant**, nor may they delete data under any circumstances. However, they may order citizens to cease activities that are truly interfering with legitimate law enforcement operations.

*** REDUCE RISK TO YOURSELF.** Keep your hands visible. Don't argue, resist, or obstruct the police, even if you believe they are violating your rights.

If you feel like your right to free speech has been violated, contact us at aclu-co.org/need-legal-help/.

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PROTESTS & DEMONSTRATIONS



Where can I protest?

- **PUBLIC FORUMS.** You can protest on streets, sidewalks, and parks, and plazas in front of government buildings, as long as you are not blocking access to the building.
- **PRIVATE PROPERTY.** You cannot protest on private property unless you receive consent from the property owner. There are no government restrictions on speech if you have consent, however, private owners can set rules for speech and photography on their property.

Can I hold counterprotests?

Yes, counterprotesters also have free speech rights. Police are permitted to keep antagonistic groups separated but should allow them to be within sight and sound of one another.

I was stopped by the police while protesting...

- **DETERMINE IF FREE TO GO.** Ask the officer, "Am I free to go?" If yes, calmly walk away. If no, you are being detained.
- **STAY SILENT.** Say "I want a lawyer. I will remain silent." **Do not say anything or sign anything without a lawyer.**
- **MAKE A PHONE CALL.** You have the right to a reasonable number of calls within a reasonable time of your arrival at the jail. Jail lines are recorded. Police can and will listen to any call you make on a jail phone. **One exception: police are not allowed to listen to calls with your lawyer.**
- **REFUSE SEARCHES.** If an officer wants to search your belongings and anything beyond patting down the outside of your clothing, say, "I do not consent to searches."

Do I need a permit to protest?

You do not need a permit to march in public forums, as long as marchers don't obstruct car or pedestrian traffic.

If you do not have a permit, police officers can ask you to move to the side of a street or sidewalk to let others pass or for safety reasons.

EVENTS that may require permits:

- A *march or parade* that requires blocking traffic or street closure
- A *large rally* requiring the use of sound amplifying devices
- A *rally over a certain size* at most parks or plazas

A permit cannot be denied because the event is controversial or will express unpopular views.

If the permit requires a fee for a permit, they should allow a **waiver** for those who cannot afford the charge.