

What to do in case of repression?

before the demonstration

- ★ go to preparatory meetings
- ★ organize, form groups
- ★ write down the EA phone number:
0160 - 95 65 74 26

equipment

take with you:

- ★ valid ID / visa / residence permit
- ★ pen, paper, calling card & enough change
- ★ medication needed
- ★ reasonable clothing (maybe sth. to change into); in germany it's illegal to cover the face or to bring things that can be used as a weapon or as protection to a demonstration
- ★ food/drinks & city map
- ★ health insurance card / certificate & 10 € for the fee in case of treatment

don't take with you:

- ★ alcohol and other drugs
- ★ address books (including the one saved on your phone)
- ★ data (i.e. usb-sticks) and other personal notes

at the demonstration

- ★ keep together (form chains if needed)
- ★ make arrangements when leaving
- ★ keep calm, don't spread rumors
- ★ after the demonstration, leave together

arrested – and now?

- ★ **in case of arrest shout out your name and residence**
- ★ police may take your personal data, that means ID and you telling them your name, first name, address, date and place of birth and a general job title (i.e. student, worker, employee). This **doesn't** include information about personal circumstances, about parents, employers, school, etc.
- ★ **don't sign anything!** In a situation like this, you can't take stock of possible impacts of your signature.
- ★ a signature is **not** mandatory. There won't grow any disadvantages out of refusing the signature.

interrogation:

insist on your rights:

- ★ you have the right to make a **call** (EA, lawyer), regulated by § 34 II HSOG.
- ★ if you are underage (upto 18) or, 'Heranwachsender' (upto 21), your parents have the right to **immediately** be informed about your location and what is happening to you. The rules about how the police may treat you are much stricter for juveniles. (PDV 382).
- ★ if injured, you have the right to receive medical treatment

under no circumstances give information in relation to the case!

(The right to remain silent is regulated in § 12 par. II HSOG) This includes situations outside of the interrogation.

- ★ **No talking** to the police. Every conversation is an interrogation. Everything you say can and will be used against you and your friends – even if you think what you're saying is exculpatory.
- ★ don't fall for promises made by the police, they are not even able to keep them.
- ★ don't be intimidated by threats
- ★ **no talking** about progression of events, be careful about snitches and bugs!
- ★ police may not keep you longer than the end of the following day (midnight). If they want to keep you longer you have to be taken to the committing magistrate.
- ★ it can happen that you are taken into custody before the protest/demonstration/action. They can keep you until the end of the event, after that absolutely demand to be taken to the committing magistrate.
- ★ or you can get a dismissal, that is the ban to access a certain location. If you do it anyways it can lead to you being taken into police custody.

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- ★ **ED-Treatment:** (means being fingerprinted and photographed)
- ★ it can happen that you are fingerprinted and photographed (ED-treatment). That doesn't say anything about what you are charged with.
- ★ you **don't** have any legal tools to prevent this, but stay confident and don't put up with everything!
- ★ **don't** give them information about other personal features. (Like tatoos, scars, birthmarks, etc.)
- ★ **in any case** you should lodge an opposition against the ,ED-treatment'.
- ★ pay attention that your **opposition** is put on the record.
- ★ here, too, **don't** sign anything.

after the release

- ★ call the ea and tell them you've been released.
- ★ write **memory minutes** immediately with information about the circumstances of your arrest and the arrests of others.
- ★ it is important, that you write the memory minutes as accurate and detailed as possible, especially the manner of the arrest and what they did to you. If possible write down addresses of witnesses and fellow prisoners. Take the minutes to your lawyer or the EA.
- ★ Go to the doctor and let them treat injuries immediately. Let them give you a medical report about your injuries. You don't have

to give information about how the injuries happened.

behaviour as witness

- ★ if you watch an arrest, try to get names and addresses of the ones arrested and other witnesses, write down the location, circumstances and time.
- ★ if possible also write down the number of the police unit, identification number of the police officer and licence plate of the vehicles.
- ★ **give these informations to the EA immediately!**
- ★ **memory minutes** about what you saw are also helpful.

EA Frankfurt

enforce the right to demonstrate!

In view of the growing police repression during demonstrations of recent years, it was necessary to organize a permanent EA (legal team) in Frankfurt. In the context of uninterrupted repression and police arbitrariness during demonstrations, it is vital to support the persons affected.

We see it as our purpose to enforce the right to demonstrate and to provide demonstrators the security, that they are not alone and powerless at the mercy of state repressive organs. We don't want demonstrators to refrain from expressing their opinion, their protest and their resistance, because they

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This EA-number is *not* a hotline!!

Don't panic! Keep confident and don't let them bully you! Insist on your rights!