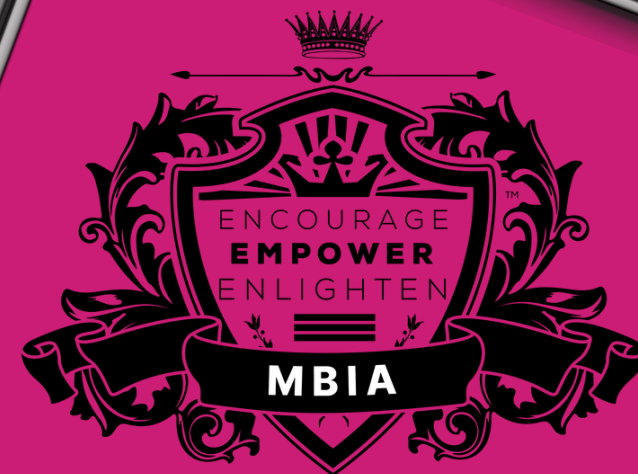


SILENCE THE HATE

Safe Protesting Guide



STEP 1: GATHER YOUR TEAM

NEVER GO ALONE

Reach out to friends and members of your community to recognize who else is willing to speak out. Assemble your recruits swiftly and decide who is doing what. With just a few more volunteers, you can spring into action.

Check out the [Organizing Your Protest Checklist](#) below for tasks that might be needed.

***PROTIP:** Assign specific tasks to your volunteers.*



STEP 2

COLLABORATE, COLLABORATE, COLLABORATE:



Discover who has previously led a peaceful protest in your community and reach out. Get the support of other organizations and community groups, including racial justice groups, faith-based organizations and other youth-led groups. Ask them to help with organizing, including the look and feel of your peaceful protest or vigil, and ask them to help recruit people to come.

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STEP 3

CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION

Remember that the purpose of a peaceful protest or vigil is to get your message directly to decision-makers, while also raising awareness publicly. Assemble in front of a symbolic space in your community or on your campus that is visible. Make sure as many people as possible will see you and hear your message. Make sure you are in a safe and well-lit environment.



STEP 4: Get on message:

We want to say loud and clear that we stand against racism in our community. We want to make it loud and clear that we want to #SilenceTheHate. Download our sample signs and posters on our site to keep the message concise and clear.

STEP 5: FOLLOW UP

Don't forget to follow up with your volunteers
and thank them.



ORGANIZE A PROTEST CHECK LIST

Download and print materials

Create signs and flyers

Create list of places for flyer

Distribute flyers

Phone calls to other organizations

Phone calls to professors

Identify gathering place

Outreach to potential speakers

Order food and water if needed

Check your safety supplies (see supply checklist)

Bring Essentials (see supply checklist)

Write email templates

Create Facebook Event page

Develop the action program and choreograph the action

Rent/reserve sound equipment

Apply for permits if needed

Follow up phone calls the night before the action

Create sign in sheets to collect email and phone numbers

Sign people in

Draft follow up email

Send follow up email immediately after action

Post photos on social media with #SilenceTheHateMovement #justiceforgeorgefloyd #breonnataylor #saytheirnames #beyondthehastag
#policereform #beingblackinamerica #agentsofchange #morethanapageant #staywoke

SAFETY CHECKLIST

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- Water in a plastic bottle with squirt top, to drink and to wash off skin and eyes
- Identification/Write Emergency contact info on your arm or hand
- Inhaler if you have asthma
- Wet wipes and tissue
- N95 Facemask and plastic shatter proof swim goggles
- Wear comfortable, protective shoes just incase you have to run
- Prescription glasses, just in case contacts are exposed to chemicals
- Book bag to contain all items needed
- Portable phone charger to keep your phone charged
- Bandana soaked in apple cider vinger or warm lemon juice water to aid in breathing if exposed to chemicals or gas
- Fresh clothes if exposed to chemicals or gas
- Utility Gloves

Things NOT to Do

- Don't wear Vaseline, oil based lotion or sunscreen as it can trap chemicals
- Don't wear things that can easily be grabbed like necklaces. (pull up your hair or wear a hat)
- DON'T GO ALONE
- Don't forget to eat food, drink lots of water

Things to Remember

- Be focused and calm if things get intense or violent
- Protect your circle, stay together and make sure everyone is doing ok physically and mentally
- DOCUMENT: film police actions, record badge numbers

Know your rights and how to deal with danger

- Everyone has the right to Freedom of Assembly
- Law Enforcement must facilitate peaceful protest, they can not tell you, you can assemble peacefully
- You have the Freedom from excessive force: Police must avoid use of force on non-violent protesters
- You have the right to Medical Assistance without delay if you are hurt
- Freedom from Arbitrary Arrest and Detention: If you are arrested you have a right to be told of the reason for your arrest. You also have the right promptly after your arrest to have access to lawyer and to your family
- You have the right to complain: if ANY of your rights or someone else's rights have been violated you have the right to file a complaint.
- If you are sprayed with a chemical remain calm, panicking increases irritation. Breathe slowly.
- Blow your nose, rise your mouth and eyes. SPIT DO NOT SWALLOW
- DO NOT RUB YOUR FACE OR SKIN
- Use your bandana that is soaked in solution or cold milk and wash off your skin and face.
- Keep track of your friends if violence erupts. Have a meeting point.

