

# Is staying anonymous important to you while joining a protest?



It's difficult — sometimes impossible — to stay completely anonymous while protesting, as public spaces mean TV broadcasts, journalists, and other attendees may be taking photos and videos and sharing them online or on TV.

**Your presence at a protest is valued, but your safety is most important.** Here are some tips to keep safe:

- **Cover your face with a face mask or bandana.** Wearing a medical-grade mask like KN95 would also keep you safer from COVID-19.
- **Use a whistle under your mask, or carry a noisemaker.** This helps you join in the noise without having to use your voice.
- **Wear a hat and sunglasses.** This protects you from the sun, and keeps your face hidden.
- **Cover your tattoos** as they can be used to identify you.
- **Cover yourself with a poster or banner when you see a camera.** It will protect your identity and also display your message loud and clear.
- Avoid **posting on social media during the protest** as this gives away your location and presence.
- **Banners and posters are usually captured on media.** Keep this in mind as you walk.