

# LEGAL TEAM

## **Things you'll need to carry on your person:**

Passport/ID, the Legal Team phone number if it exists, paper & pen, any personal medications, a squirt top water plastic bottle (keeps you hydrated and you can flush your eyes with it). In France you can legally hide your face on the street.

## **Never carry:**

Address books, drugs, alcohol. It is also best to leave your cellular phone at home (or at least delete all saved numbers and call lists).

## **If you're arrested:**

- There are lots of pretexts for arrest, the pigs are quite creative at thinking them up. For instance, to determine your identity ("Personalien"), to "avert a disturbance of public security," because you have outstanding fines, or obviously if you're caught red-handed doing something.
- Don't speak about what you did or what you seen in the street or public transport. Cup might be looking for you still!
- Solidarity is the main thing! Stay with Friends, don't leave the demonstration alone and don't let others be isolated.
- If there's no escaping arrest, let others nearby know your name, so that they can let the Legal

Team, attorneys, and your friends know you've been arrested.

- Turn off your cellular phone (if you insisted on carrying one)!!!
- Ask under what charges you are being held, as well as the full name, rank and unit number of the arresting officer(s).
- Under french law, pigs can demand your passport/ID as well as your full name, the address printed on your ID, your place and date of birth, nationality, and general occupational status (student, employee, etc.). Nothing else!
- REMAIN SILENT and DO NOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION other than that printed on your passport/ID!! You are not required to make any statements, and these will only make it worse for you and/or others. You will not be released sooner if you cooperate, regardless of what the pigs claim! You will increase the likelihood that you or someone else will be prosecuted. Thus, statements like "but I wasn't even present there" are superfluous, do not help you, and can damage others. Contrary to their claims, the police are not even in a position to reduce your charges (that's the prosecutor's job). Simply do not talk while under arrest – especially not to the police, not even casually. Also

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- After one hour you can have a phone call (done by the cups) and you can ask after a doctor and a lawyer. Insist on it! Make call the Legal Team so it can inform an attorney and/or your friends if needed. The doctor can attest you've been hurt, if you need some medications and also your good healthiness (that can prevent futur violences).
- The pigs are unfortunately permitted to take your picture and finger prints.
- Try don't sign anything!
- Duration of detention: they are permitted to detain you 24, 48 or 72 hours (according by a judge). You can be sen directly to the court for a fast trial ("comparution immediate"). You have to refuse it in order to have time to prepare you defense.

**When you are released:**

Immediately write down your account of what happened and bring it to the Legal Team. Any injuries should be documented by

a doctor, including mechanism of injury ("consistent with police baton"). Inform the Legal Team of your release so they can take you off the arrestees list.

**As a Witness:**

If you see an arrest, try to get the name and address of the person who is arrested as well as other witnesses. Write down the time, place and circumstances of the arrest as well as the police unit number, vehicle number (on roof) and license plates. Bring this information to the Legal Team. Expedited / "Fast Track" Trials: The so-called "expedited trial" ("comparution immédiate" in French) is sometimes used. Except in case your lawyer advice you something else, you should be refused this trial to keep time for preparing your defense.

**Strangers:**

The same laws apply to you even if you do not have a French passport. If you are not from the EU or Switzerland, you might be deported after arrest. You have the right to have a translator for declarations and judgement. Keep your mouth shut! Anything you say will be used against you (or someone else) in the court of law.

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