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Legal Aid Releases Know Your Rights Guide for New Yorkers Who Plan to Participate in Protests

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released a Know Your Rights guide today on police encounters for New Yorkers planning to protest.

The Know Your Rights guide advises New Yorkers on their rights as protesters; offers general information to those who are arrested; provides information on how to ensure digital security and how to prevent New York City Police Department (NYPD) surreptitious DNA collection; describes the protections afforded by the Right To Know Act; details rights for photo and video recording; and explains how to proceed if your rights have been violated.

These rights and protections remain as vital as ever before. A landmark settlement agreement [secured](#) by The Legal Aid Society and the New York Civil Liberties Union in conjunction with the New York State Attorney General's office promises an overhaul on how the NYPD polices protests following widespread NYPD abuses during the demonstrations against police violence that occurred after the killing of George Floyd in 2020.

The full Know Your Rights guide is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/4wspx562>

“It is critically important that New Yorkers are fully informed of their rights and are prepared to advocate for themselves should they come into contact with an NYPD officer,” said **Jennvine Wong, Supervising Attorney with the Cop Accountability Project at The Legal Aid Society**. “Far too often, those who participate in protests are subjected to unjust and unlawful treatment by the NYPD. We hope the Know Your Rights guide will help people understand their rights as a protester to ensure their safety and wellbeing.”

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