

**This is what I always meant by  
“ambitious hedonism.”**

I've been looking for any excuse to be with you. I am so glad to see you here in **Harbiye**. It's been too long.

What started as idle flirtation has become full blown lust. To be honest, sometimes I can't get you out of my head. Your energy and smile, the way your body moves with mine. I remember the first time we looked each other in the eyes. You had a spark. I was hooked.

Why else would I have shown up to all those boring fucking meetings? Why else would I sit around outside dumpsters late at night, hoping you'd appear? I used to see you everywhere—the potluck, the shows, the street parties. But once all those fell apart we completely lost touch... I can't remember the last time I've seen you like this, a bandana on your face and a scowl in your eyes. My old, familiar instincts return at the sight of you. I can tell you exactly how many times I've dreamed of this moment.

No, let's forget the past, now that we're both together... My heart is beating through my chest. I feel alive again. Something real is happening.

To be honest, I'm terrified, but I'm not afraid of arrest or pain. What really scares me is the possibility of missing out on these moments with you. Not taking enough chances. Not pushing ourselves to take the risks we know are within our abilities.

What is it we are hoping for? Why exactly are we here?

If I can shred all inhibitions with your eyes on me, can I do the same before the eyes of a thousand pigs and friends?

If we can trust our desires when you're in my arms, will it help us to do the same when you're in the arms of the pigs?

Your grip on my wrists has always been strong, but you always stop when I say to. If we find ourselves in this compromising position this week, please god don't let go. I only enjoy handcuffs with you.

We know how to keep secrets. You've allowed me to be myself like no one else has. I am excited by the chance to share our bodies with all these people. I want to push myself beyond the brink, beyond my own fears and hesitations. I want to turn the world upside down and show those motherfuckers we've finally gone past the point of no return and we're taking their whole rotten system with us.

Before we go out this morning, kiss me like I'll never see you again.

**While we're separated... whenever I'm in danger... whenever I'm in ecstasy... I'll be thinking of you.**



# ★ PREPARING FOR ACTION ★ ★

Whatever kind of action you're planning to take, preparation is key to success. Thinking about what to expect, what to take and what roles people can play is all too often neglected. An important part of being prepared is realising that taking any kind of action however peaceful and nonconfrontational can lead to problems with police and security guards. Always know your legal rights before taking any action and never assume you won't be arrested. Better to always be prepared see the resources section for some guides to the law as it affects activists.

## Roles During Actions

Support roles are vital to the success of an action, and to the safety of the participants. Often these roles aren't seen as being as "glamorous" as doing the direct action itself, but should be valued equally – without them, the action can't take place. The roles listed here are common on actions, but shouldn't be regarded as a blueprint for all actions. Different actions will need different roles, and it's important, as a group, to think about what tasks you'll need doing (and how you're going to ensure it gets done) early on in the planning stage. Sometimes people

can take on more than one role, e.g. a legal observer might also be a firstaider, or police liaison, or even media contact. The key is to make sure that all necessary roles are covered, that everyone understands the extent of their commitment before you begin, and no one takes on tasks (support or otherwise) which they are unable to carry out.

## Transport

Selfexplanatory, really many actions need vehicles, and vehicles need drivers and mapreaders. In most cases drivers will need to avoid arrest, so they can drive people home as well.

## Police Station Support

Stays somewhere safe and away from the action, next to a phone. They should have all pertinent

## PLAN AHEAD

For essential needs, care and supplies. Know what to expect. Know how to get assistance. Plan for how to re-contact your buddies if separated.



information about each member of the group such as their name, if they want someone contacting if they're arrested, and if so who, etc. They take calls from the police station and from legal observers, and coordinate postarrest support, which might involve tracking down anyone who was arrested, ensuring that a solicitor knows they're in custody, and picking people up from police stations on their release. They should have access to transport to reach all the police stations in the area, and know how to get to them. They might take snacks, cigarettes, water whatever people will want when they are released.

## **Legal Observer**

Stays on the fringes of the action and is responsible for responding to calls from those taking part in the action if the police are being unreasonable or are making arrests. They should take detailed notes of interactions with police including names of anyone arrested, police badge numbers, what took place and exactly when. They can also help police station support people by finding out which police station arrested activists are being taken to, and what charge they've been arrested on. A camera or video recorder can be helpful. Being a legal observer is no guarantee of immunity from arrest.

## **ATTITUDE**

You are powerful. You can easily withstand most of what the police throw at you, and you are fighting for justice. Remember, pain is only temporary and we are extremely strong.

## **Police Liaison**

Conveys information and demands between the police and the group. Ideally your police liaison will be articulate, calm, and able to communicate diplomatically with the police. They can try to deescalate the situation as much as possible to avoid police overreaction. It's important that the group give the police liaison a clear mandate. Are they empowered to take decisions for the group? In most cases they are not the group's decision maker, and it helps to communicate this clearly to the police early on. They can facilitate the decision making process though (and slow down the police response) by acting as a gobetween and consulting all activists, then reporting back the decision to the police. Like observers, they aren't immune from arrest!



## THE #1 WEAPON OF THE POLICE IS FEAR

Once you control that, pepper spray and other police tactics are easily manageable.

### Media Liaison / Spokesperson

Helps facilitate the interactions between the group and the media. They prepare news releases and make calls to get the desired media on site at the time of the action. They should know the issues and be able to speak clearly and articulately to reporters and TV cameras. Media work is often split into two distinct roles – background media work (writing and sending news releases) and the spokesperson on site.

### First Aider / Street Medic

The more people who know medical care of any kind the better, but in many types of action it is wise to have at least one person who knows basic first aid. For a large mobilisation, street medics should also know how to deal with the effects of CS gas.

### Action support

Provides direct personal support for

arrestable people. This person may risk arrest, but tries to avoid it. Depending on the nature of the action this means bringing water and food supplies to action participants and keeping everyone highspirited and informed. Activists may be scattered over a wide area, and action support is vital in keeping them in touch with the overall progress of the action. They might also be needed to carry messages and facilitate group decision making. For actions involving lockons it is best to have at least one support for every two people risking arrest.

### Action Participants

Quite simply the people carrying out the actual action (climbing, locking on, sitting down etc). Should be technically prepared for everything they plan to do, and hopefully well rested, fed and calm. Last on this list for good reason – they are only able to play at being 'direct action heroes' thanks to all the support team's hard work.

## COMMON SENSE

Keep your wits, assess what is going down and what needs to be done.



# ★ SUPPORT SYSTEMS ON ACTIONS ★

DOCUMENT police actions, brutality, and injuries.

## Affinity Groups

An affinity group, at its most basic, is a group of people who have an affinity for each other they know each others strengths and weaknesses, support each other, and do (or intend to do) political/campaign work together. They are a means to collective action, either on their own or as an autonomous group within larger protests. The concept of affinity groups has a long history. They developed as an organising structure within the Anarchist army during the Spanish Civil War and have been used with amazing success over the last thirty years of feminist, antinuclear, environmental and social justice movements around the world: from large scale nonviolent blockade during the 30,000 strong occupation of the Ruhr nuclear power station in Germany in 1969 to more recent mass protest actions in Seattle, Washington, Genoa, and Prague. Their use in sustaining activists through high levels of police repression has been borne out time and again.

An important aspect to being part of an affinity group is to get to know where each other is at regarding the campaign or issue. You should all have a shared idea of what you want, individually and collectively, from the action; how you envisage it happening; what support you will need from others; and what you can offer others. It helps if you have agreement on certain basic things: how active, how spiritual, how nonviolent, how touchyfeely, how 'spiky', how willing to risk arrest, the limits of your involvement, your overall political perspective etc. But then again, you may all just work together / study together etc.

BE CALM and FOCUSED when things get most intense. React to danger or warning signs sooner, not later. Watch for signs of physical and mental problems in yourself and others. Cool down others who exhibit panic behavior.

## BEWARE OF RUMORS

They are usually false, and foster fear. Deal with the known truth.

### The Buddy System

“Buddying up” on actions means agreeing in small groups (generally 24) to look out for each other’s well being. Buddying should mean you are never alone on the action – you are less likely to get lost, and have someone to leave the scene with you if you need to stop for any reasons. Buddying up is a good idea whether you’re joining a larger massaction, or acting within a large affinity group.

### Buddies should be prepared to:

- **Know if their buddy has any special (e.g. medical) needs**
- Check that their buddy is still with them whenever a group is moving around
- **Make sure their buddy is physically OK, and find food/drink/warm clothing/medical attention if they aren’t**
- Leave with their buddy if they want to go, for any reason
- **Keep an eye on their buddies**

**emotional state, and try to calm them down / comfort them when necessary**

- Tell legal support if their buddy gets arrested
- **Call for observers/first aiders if their buddy is getting hurt**

This might make it all seem rather formal and cumbersome. In reality it isn’t – it’s just a way of making sure no one gets forgotten in the confusion of an action, and everyone has a mate to look out for them.



# ★ PERSONAL SECURITY ★ ★ ★ ★

## What to Wear- the Well Dressed Protester

- **comfortable, protective shoes that you can run in**
- clothing covering all your skin to protect from sun and pepper spray exposure.
- **shatter-resistant eye protection (i.e. sunglasses, swim goggles, or gas mask)**
- gas mask, goggles, bandana to cover nose and mouth soaked in water or vinegar etc. it can aid in breathing during chemical exposure
- **weather-related gear (i.e. rain gear, sun hat, winter clothing)**
- heavy-duty gloves if you plan to handle hot tear gas canisters
- **fresh clothes in plastic bag (in case yours get contaminated by chemical weapons)**
- a cap or a hat to protect you from the sun and from chemical weapons

## What to bring- Items you may find useful

- lots of water in a plastic bottle with squirt top, to drink and

to wash off your skin or eyes, if needed

- energy snacks
- **identification and/or emergency contact information only if you want to be cited out of jail in the event of arrest**
- just enough money for pay-phone, food, transportation
- **watch, paper, pen for accurate documentation of events, police brutality, injuries**
- water- or alcohol-based sunscreen
- **inhaler, epipen, insulin or other meds if applicable**
- several days of prescription medication and doctor's note in case of arrest
- **menstrual pads, if needed. Avoid using tampons - if you're arrested you may not have a chance to change it (tampons left in more than six hours increase your risk of developing toxic shock syndrome)**

## Caution!

- don't carry knives (unless absolutely vital for the action – even your swiss army knife





- A** TUNNEL SQUARE
- B** GALATASARAY SQUARE
- C** TAKSİM SQUARE
- D** TAKSİM GEZİ PARK
- E** MAÇKA PARK
- F** BEŞİKTAŞ KARTAL SQUARE

- ★** TAKSİM HILL HOTEL
- ★** THE MARMARA HOTEL
- ★** CEYLAN INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
- ★** DİVAN HOTEL
- ★** HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

- 6** RITZ CARLTON HOTEL
- 7** HILTON HOTEL
- 8** CONGRESS CENTER
- 9** SWISSOTEL THE BOSPHORUS
- 10** CONRAD HOTEL



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..... BORDERS OF CONGRESS VALLEY

can be seen as an offensive weapon should the police so want),

- don't carry illegal drugs,
- **don't carry incriminating names & addresses (think about your mobile phone address book),**
- don't carry briefing sheets, maps etc. If you're arrested the police will search you and can use anything they find as evidence against you or other activists.
- **don't wear jewelry.**
- don't wear contact lenses and don't put make up on.

## Pepper Spray & Tear Gas

### Things to remember:

The first thing to remember about exposure to these chemical weapons is that it is not the worst thing that could happen to you. The hype and fear surrounding them is enormous, but in reality, if you are careful and smart, you should survive it with little problem.

**The second thing to remember is that the pain is only temporary, and we are extremely strong.**

The third thing to remember about exposure to these chemical weapons is that there are many myths about treatment and prevention. Much of this misinformation is

To protect your self from the effects of chemical weapons the best thing to do is using a gas masks. Simple masks can be useful in first exposure to tear gaz/pepper spray but they shouldn't be used at all as they would cause the respiration of the gas which gets stuck to the material several times. Using a piece of scarf would be much more efficient. Use a different part of the scarf every-time. Its handy to wet the scarf with apple vinegar or before made anti acid + water solution.



potentially dangerous. Some of it, if applied, could greatly increase or prolong a person's reaction to exposure, or at the very least provide a false sense of security.

## Protecting Yourself

- **Avoid use of oils and lotions because they can trap the chemicals and thereby prolong exposure.**
- We recommend using a water or alcohol-based sunscreen (rather than oil-based). If your choice is between oil-based or nothing, we advocate using the sunscreen. Pepper sprayed on top of sunburn is not good.
- **We also recommend minimizing skin exposure by covering up as much as possible. This can also protect you from the sun. Don't forget a hat.**
- Gas masks provide the best facial protection, if properly fitted and sealed. Alternatively, goggles (with shatter-proof lenses), respirators, even a wet bandana over the nose and mouth will help.

## Nasıl Davranmalı?

## Nasıl Hareket Etmeli?

- **Stay calm. Panicking increases the irritation. Breathe slowly and remember it is only temporary.**
- If you see it coming or get a warning (e.g. Police are putting gasmasks on), put on protective gear. If able, try to move away or get upwind.
- **Blow your nose, rinse your mouth, cough and spit. Try not to swallow.**
- If you wear contacts, you must remove the lenses or get someone to remove them for you, with clean, uncontaminated fingers. Destroy the lenses after exposure, they are not cleanable.
- **Do not rub it in.**



Make sure everybody has a buddy on the action field.

## Resistance Is Our Most Legitimate (!) Reality

As global anti-capitalist struggle increases its acceleration, governments and security forces increase their constraint as well. The spirit of the resistance, that especially increases during the meetings of global capitalist corporations, is faced with parallel constraint and a wave of intimidation. Activists who attend to the protests abroad as a sign of international solidarity may be exposed to this intimidation more.

This brochure includes minimum information that activists should know against possible security and custody situations during the protests in Istanbul.

## Custody on protest site

Request the officers who want you to take into custody to show their identity cards. Resist to the ones that do not show their ID cards to you!

Memorize the registration number of the officer who hurts you. You can see the registration numbers on the arms of the officers, or sometimes on their helmets. This is important for a further lawsuit.

## During custody

If the custody is inevitable, shout out your name, surname, phone number or address of your lawyer so that people around you can hear. In the case of custody or arrest, you have the right to make use of more than one lawyer. Ask for a lawyer as soon as possible.

Do not resist when they ask for your identity information. Thus the duration of the custody wouldn't be prolonged redundantly.

If you are not staying at your current address, do not tell them your address. At least one person should inform a correct address for notifications. (It is beneficial to state a predetermined address-office, association etc.)

It is better not to make any statement before the lawyer's arrival. If the police does not call a lawyer, use your right to remain silent and state that you will make your state-



ment at prosecution office. If they try to make you sign a statement that is not true, refuse to sign until the lawyer arrives. During the investigation, lawyer's presence and judicial help cannot be hindered or restricted.

Women can only be searched by female officers. Do not forget that police may take advantage of the search for harassment.

The procedure of fingerprinting depends on the crime. It is possible for the crimes committed using fingers. On custody fingerprinting may be done for other reasons during protest. Resist not to give your fingerprint.

Keep your sim card when they take your cell phone. Or create a pin code, turn off your phone and then deliver it.

Demand for your basic requirements to be fulfilled. Not giving any food or tiring are maltreatments. Not eating or drinking anything that police give is right as an attitude. Do not let them to establish a psychological superiority on you.

For those who cannot hire a lawyer, baro will supply a lawyer without requesting any money or document. If you are under 18, deaf, mute or in a state that cannot defend yourself,

it is mandatory for them to supply a lawyer.

If you have an illness that require regular medication, state this and request for the medicine. If there is any other serious illness you have, inform the officers about it too. When you are taken into the custody, papers like apprehension warrants, suspect rights form, search report, doctor report, conduct or release operation and conduct/ release report with reasons will be prepared. You have the right to have one sample of all them. You have the right to chance your statement if it is stated under oppression in prosecution office. If you were tormented or exposed to maltreatment during custody, state it with all the details and insist on adding these details to your prosecution statement.

Talk about how you would reach the legal support in case of getting under custody. write the number + name of the lawyers and the crises table on your body with a permanent pen.



Don't carry briefing sheets, maps etc. If you're arrested the police will search you and can use anything they find as evidence against you or other activists. the same thing goes for this cookbook :)

At the end of the custody, ask from the prosecutor for your transfer to a forensic medicine institution. If you were tormented in any way during custody, press the doctor to write a report about it. Ask for your transfer to a hospital if necessary. You have the right to be in private with the doctor. Oppose for the presence of the police during examination. If you are transferred to a doctor by the officers who took you under custody, report the situation on your statement and inform the doctor examining you.

On the custodies of foreigners, a lawyer along with a translator will be present during the process. Unless you oppose in written, it is mandatory to inform the consulate of your country. If you see someone that is being taken into the custody, ask him/her for his/her name, surname, phone number of a relative, and ask the

police about the police station to where they are taking him/her.

## Situations making custody legal

If the person doesn't have an identity card: In this case, a situation that lets the person to prove his/her identity should be created first. For instance, if anybody that knows that person is around, his/her testimony may suffice. Police may ask the witness about the person's identity information such as mother's name, father's name etc... In the act situation: If someone is caught in the act of an action that is illegal, he/she may be taken into the custody.

If there's a warrant of arrest for someone who commit a crime: If a suspect has the chance of eradicating the evidence or run away, police can take this person into custody.

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## Time of custody

Custody time can be 24 hours at maximum. It is illegitimate to take you into the custody for GBT (General Information Collection) research. It is compulsory to transfer the convict to courthouse in 24 hours. On group custodies, this period can be prolonged up to 48 hours with prosecutor decision. The custody can be prolonged up to 4 days with dijudication on extraordinary situations. It can never exceed 4 days.

**DO NOT GIVE A STATEMENT WITHOUT A LAWYER. DO NOT SIGN ANY PAPER.**

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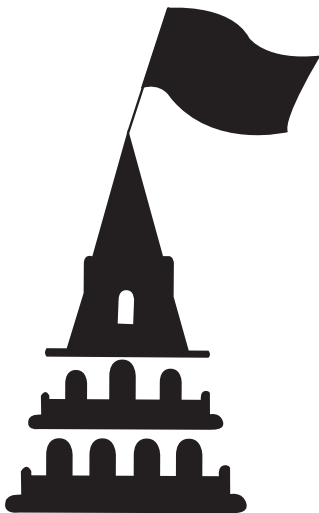
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