

## SAFETY: The ABCs of protesting

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### B) Beware of detractors!\*

Do not talk to detractors or unaffiliated interviewers - doing so increases risks for all of us, including all the volunteers and organizers.

### C) Chill vibes please! NEVER touch anyone else or their property (e.g. car, sign, backpack) without permission.

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### Please ignore, move away calmly, notify a safety volunteer.

- Do NOT get in their personal space.
- Do NOT engage with or speak to them.
- Do NOT answer their questions.
- Do NOT yell back at them or gesture (thumbs down, middle finger, etc.)
- Do NOT post photos or videos of them online.
- Do NOT reveal any personal or contact info to anyone at this or any rally you do not **know** to be on your side.

**This keeps you, our volunteers, and our organizers safe. Thank you!**

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