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Access or protest on private property without consent from the owner

Use violence of any kind

Destroy public or private property

Violate any local curfews

Obstruct traffic or access to buildings

Permits and Law Enforcement:

You don't need a permit to protest in response to breaking news, march in the streets or along sidewalks

If you believe your rights have been violated, write down everything, get contact information for witnesses, and take photos of any injuries

If you get stopped by the police, ask politely if you are free to go; if they say yes, calmly walk away (do not run)

If you get arrested, you have a right to ask why. Otherwise, remain silent and don't sign, say or agree to anything without a lawyer

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