

PHONE SETTINGS FOR PROTEST

To reduce the risk of somebody tracking your location through your phone, consider turning off some of its features:

On Android:

- Pull down from the top of the screen to access the Notification Shade:
 - Tap "Airplane Mode" to enable it
 - Tap "Internet" and "Disable Wi-Fi" if it wasn't already turned off
 - Tap "Bluetooth" to turn it off
- Go to *Settings > Location* and disable "Use location."
- Go into your Google account to make certain Location History is turned off. This should ensure that your device will not be transmitting for the duration of your time at the protest, and prevents your location from being tracked.
- Do not post pictures or videos until you are home to prevent geo tagging

On iPhone:

- Open Settings or use the Control Center to:
 - Enable "Airplane Mode."
 - Tap Wi-Fi and turn it off
 - Tap Bluetooth to turn it off
- Go to *Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services* and turn location services off entirely
- Go to *Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services > System Services > Significant Locations* and turn this off

Despite using the tips above, there are still significant risks to having/using your personal device at a protest:

- Losing your device or authorities confiscating your smartphone
- Service disruption, either due to intentional interference by authorities or caused by networks being overloaded by large groups of people
- Targeted surveillance
- Blocking delivery of calls/SMS to your number
- Monitoring your unencrypted traffic
- Interference or blocking of web services (TikTok, Bluesky, etc.)
- Interference with messengers and voice services like Signal or WhatsApp
- Authorities could use public Wi-Fi networks in the area to monitor traffic and identify nearby devices
- Cell phone companies could provide records to authorities of devices near cell towers in the area to track and identify protesters
- Consider using a burner phone or old-fashioned digital or video camera

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