

### **OUT OF THE TOOLBOX**

## **Support Before, During, and After Arrest**

The most important strategy for going to jail for justice is working within a group. Below are some checklists for organizing in preparation for a civil disobedience action. I don't know where these originated, but they have been used in many actions, and I have updated them a bit.

### **Support Before Arrest**

Be part of a group, or at the very least have a buddy who will support you once you're in the system. Make sure you know:

Which jail people may be taken to

The people in your group by name, description, and contact information

Who the attorneys are

Who wants bail and who does not

Who needs to be contacted on behalf of the arrestee (friends, family)

What medical or other special needs your people have

Who might be more vulnerable (those with a disability, trans people, POC)

Whether the individual plans to non-cooperate, and in what ways  
That the arrestees have a legal number to call written on their body

### **Support During and After Arrest**

Have a pre-designated support person write down the name of everyone who is arrested, along with the time of the arrest.

Write down the officer's name and badge number, and record any instances of police misconduct.

At least one support person should stay at the place of arrest until all members of the group are arrested.

At least one support person should go to the jail where the arrested are taken and bring food, blankets, and whatever else might be needed.

Be prepared to advocate for your people, asking for information throughout the process.

At least one support person must call the emergency contact for each arrested person, if needed, contact the attorneys or legal support operation, and liaise with each arrested person's affinity or other group.

Someone must be tasked in advance with caring for the kids, pets, cars, plants, and so on, for those in jail.

Make sure there are arrangements for pickup upon release.