

4. At the police station: "Don't say yes, just say no – that's the way they let you go". You just have to tell them your name (first name and surname), date of birth and registration address (not any other). Don't answer questions for profession, school, parents, salary etc.
5. You've got the right to make one successfully completed phonecall. Call the "Rechtshilfe", they will tell your friends about you.
6. The maximum length you can be kept in prison is 24 hours, under very difficult circumstances it can be 48 hours. Then you have to be set free or taken to court.
7. No statements during arrest, no "small talk" with the officers. This is an extreme situation and there will be better opportunities to tell the "truth" afterwards. In many cases people get sentenced because of the statements they made during the first 24 hours.
"Don't say yes, just say no – that's the way they let you go". Don't believe what the police promises you ("Just tell me, we know already, your friend told us, then we will set you free"). Never believe a chief!!
8. In case somebody gets hurt on a demonstration: Call the "Rechtshilfe" and tell the people who organized the demo. If the police hurt you, don't go to the hospital alone. Call the "Rechtshilfe" before, because the doctors must report that to the police.
9. Once you come out of prison tell the "Rechtshilfe"

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LEGAL COUNCELLING:

Each first Tuesday in the month, 6 p.m.,
at the Bürogemeinschaft Schottengasse;
Wien I, Schottengasse 3A/Stiege 1/4. Stock/Tür 59
The legal counselling is free and voluntarily.

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Your step-by-step guide in case of emergency

What you should take with you to a demonstration: A passport or identification card (if you are a citizen of the EU, if not something that makes sure that you have a residence permit) and the phone number of the "Rechtshilfe". If you are illegal in Austria you should generally better stay away from demonstrations.

The following things you should leave at home: Notebooks (electronic and paper), address lists, calendars, diaries, photos. Don't forget to clean up your mobile phone (or at least turn it off in case of arrest). Avoid bringing illegal stuff because this can be taken to criminalize you and others.

No use of alcohol or any other drugs before or during the demonstration!!! Since 2002 it's forbidden to disguise oneself on demonstrations, it's even forbidden to have items that can be used for a disguise with you. This can cause an administrative fine. If you bring stuff that enables you to harm people or destroy things you can be brought to court. Theoretically many things can be substituted under this definition, from a nailfile to a halloween mask, so choose well.

Arrive with people you know very well and try to stay together. Plan to meet at a certain place afterwards, so you can make sure that nobody is missing.

In case of incidents or clashes: Stay calm! An arrest is not the end of the world if you consider the following:

1. Cry out your own name loudly or call the "Rechtshilfe" if you witness an arrest.
2. Turn off your mobile phone.
3. An arrest is an extreme experience for everybody. Try to stay calm and try to calm down others, try to bring people down. (No arguing, no provocation of the police.)