

might fuck with you. It's not worth it to stick around and argue or fight with these people; they are a distraction, and they are calling the cops on you. Just move on quickly.

If the cops do come, they usually spend some time planning before they strike. If they are just standing around, you're probably alright for the moment. If the cops tell people to disperse, they are giving them a warning, telling them to leave or get on the sidewalk or they will be arrested. Sometimes they don't bother and arrest people anyway.

If you get picked up by the cops, DO NOT TALK TO THEM. They won't read you your rights, but you still have them. Practice saying this: "I am going to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer." Say it to everything they say. They will tell you all kinds of lies and threaten you and try to trick you into talking to them. Don't fall for it. Don't try to outsmart them or lie to them. Not talking is the safest thing to do for yourself and others. They might tell you otherwise. Don't believe them. You are going to remain silent. You want to speak to a lawyer.

If you made it out of there with anything that could incriminate yourself or others (this can include shoes or other identifiable articles of clothing, as well as paint cans and the like), make sure to ditch it. Do it in a random trash can somewhere, not at home or work.

After the Party

So, this thing happened. You had a great time! Or you had a terrible time! Whatever. Staying safe extends far beyond those moments in the street.

Don't reminisce after the fact. Not even with the other people you were there with. I know, that one thing was just the best, but really. It may seem harmless, but people have gone down for doing just that – even with people they ran with and trusted before. You should be especially wary if someone you haven't seen in a while comes around asking pointed questions about your previous activities; historically, people who have answered such questions have ended up hearing transcripts of those conversations in court.

Don't incriminate yourself or others by bragging about anything illegal you did or talking about what other people did. This includes speculating about who might have done what. Doing so is confessing to a crime, or providing evidence in your own or others' cases. It's not smart, and that information isn't anybody's business.

Speaking of evidence, **don't post pictures online** of what happened, especially on social media – and if you see any, don't tag anyone in them! That is doing the cops' work for them.

And obvs: **no one likes a snitch. Don't be that guy.**

Keep your own and your friends' secrets, and you're that much more likely to be free for the next party. You know you want to go.

stay safe and dangerous!

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from being identified. An easy way to do this is to make a mask out of a T-shirt.

Cell phones record your location, which can place you at the scene. They can also connect you to other people. If you have your phone with you, take the battery out of it if you can, or turn it off completely if you can't. It's not ideal, but it's better than nothing. Leaving your phone at home or in the car (and parking some distance away) is the safest option.

It's a good idea to **pick a buddy to run with,** especially one who is similar in height and speed. You two can look out for each other, and it's a good opportunity to bond. You'll probably want to stay close together, but in case you lose each other, try agreeing on random words to call out and respond to – like playing Marco Polo in the pool. All of this can happen on the spot.

What you **don't** want to do is **call anyone out by name.** It's not necessary and you never know who might be listening. Eye contact or a friendly nod works just as well.

If you see someone you don't recognize, don't ask who that person is. Do you really need to know that? Probably not. This is a good thing to keep in mind in general; if you have to ask, you probably shouldn't.

Trust your instincts. If someone is being pushy and trying to convince you to do something that you don't feel comfortable doing, that person probably doesn't have your best interest in mind. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

If the police aren't there, **watch out for private citizens acting like vigilantes.** If they don't like what you're doing, they

good manners for street parties: stay safer while playing dangerously

So, there you are, hanging out with your friends, and suddenly the street around you erupts into a riotous party. Sweet! Unfortunately, cops are drawn to these things like flies to honey. If you decide to join in, or just get caught up in it, here are some tips for keeping yourself and others as safe as possible.

As soon as cops say it's an unlawful assembly, it is. And sometimes they don't even say it before arresting people. That's important to know. You're taking a risk just by being at a thing like that. This doesn't mean it can't be fun, but it is a thing to keep in mind, especially if you're undocumented, on probation, or otherwise at especially high risk if you get arrested. If this is you, you may want to keep an extra eye out for escape routes and do your best to dip when necessary. If you know your friends are at higher risk, keep an out for them.

Cameras are everywhere. Whether they're in stores, on streetlights, or in people's pockets, they can provide evidence against you or other people – and let's not even talk about facial recognition software. Covering your face can help prevent you

Old Alfredo spent a year in jail for writing *Armed Joy*, the book these words are from. He spent much of the time between 1977 and 2011 writing, traveling across Europe, expanding informal anarchist networks, and generally being a dirty old man. In 2009, at the age of 71, Alfredo was arrested in Greece for robbing a bank. He was caught driving away from the bank with the robber in the passenger seat. 46,000 Euros were found in the car. It is unknown where this money was destined to go, but it's clear that his commitment to joy, freedom, and rebellion has kept Alfredo going into old age.

There are many other sources of information about anarchist action, but one basic principle is laid out above: find your closest friends and act with them. If you are an anarchist, the best people to find are the ones you trust. Trust and friendship is our greatest weapon. Use it well and take care of each other. Good luck in all your efforts.

They are simply a person who has clarified their ideas, who has realized that it is pointless to make such an effort to play the part assigned to them by capital in the performance. Fully aware, they attack with cool determination. And in doing so they realize themselves as human beings. They realize themselves in joy. The reign of death disappears before their eyes. Even if they create destruction and terror for the bosses, in their hearts and in the hearts of the exploited there is joy and calm."



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Obviously, the authors of this article chose the first option, to avoid anarchist circles and form your own.

shut about your shady crimes. However, it might be preferable to share ideas, thoughts, and have conversations with other people you have something in common with. Just keep your mouth open masse. If you ever commit an illegal act, it does not mean you cannot find and seek out other anarchists. It is important to other, acting independently, with other anarchists acting socially, surprising for over 200 years: small groups that don't know each other actions can be as serious as your intention and goal is. This attack them, plan it carefully, and then go out with your friends. Locate some malevolent or hostile entity, think of a way to

Whatever plans you come up with, keep them secret, obviously. You will act with in the future.

affinity group, the people you will be your

will need those friends closest to you. These friends will be your something immediately, something that may not be legal, you and agitating around specific issues. But if you would rather do something immediately, something that may not be legal, you can go two directions. You can focus on social actions such as leafleting, opening a people's kitchen, planning demonstrations, and influence the stifling reality of capitalist democracy, you

An Introduction to the Anarchist Affinity Group

Sorry, everyone. There is no official organization to join to become an anarchist. Because of this, anarchism has confused many people who are used to normal political organizations or groups. Anarchists appear nearly spontaneously amidst the human population of the world. Their individual beliefs assuredly vary, but the central unifying belief is that there should be no government. Another unifying belief is that people should not be governed, nor should they govern themselves, but instead they should decide their own fates based on free association. The purpose of this article, however, is not to present the philosophy of anarchism, but to instead highlight some tactics anarchists have employed to change and remedy their immediate situations.

If you are an anarchist in Seattle and are looking for “the anarchists,” look no further than your closest friends. These are the people who you must act with, because they are the only people you can trust. If your friends are also anarchists, you can talk endlessly about philosophy and the news, but this will eventually grow boring and pointless. If you want to begin to change