



ASSESS YOUR SAFETY

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- Are they there to cause trouble, or are they there to make a point?
- Do they have weapons?
- Are they affiliated with known hate groups like The Proud Boys or Aryan Nation?
- Are they staying in one place, or are they mobile and interacting with event attendees?
- Is there event security?
- Are they covering their faces? (The covering of one's face could mean they have plans that they don't want anyone to be able to identify them from.)

FACT:

Patriot Front spreads its hateful propaganda via the internet and by distributing banners, fliers, posters, and stickers. Since 2019, Patriot Front has been responsible for the vast majority of white supremacist propaganda distributed in the United States. One of the United States' most visible white supremacist groups, Patriot Front participates in localized "flash demonstrations" across the nation. They are known for arriving at events in box trucks.



KNOW YOUR "ENEMY"

Make a point to research hate groups and what they look like at protests. Research events that you are going to and check if there is a history of protests at them, if there is a history of weapons of violence at that event and/or with said group that may protest.

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Dealing With PROTESTERS



DO NOT ENGAGE

Hearing nasty comments about you and your friends is very disheartening, and it's easy to want to put people in their place. You have to remember that the protester's goal is to get you to lash out. Yelling back at them feels great in the moment, but you are stoking the fire. A fire needs oxygen to burn, take away the oxygen and the fire will burn itself out. They want you to engage to have power over you. Make no mistake, they aren't there to protest, they are there to harass. If their protests are ignored, they don't have any power. They aren't there to change their minds, you aren't there to change yours. No good can come from interacting with their behavior. **You absolutely don't want to antagonize them if there is any chance they may be violent.**



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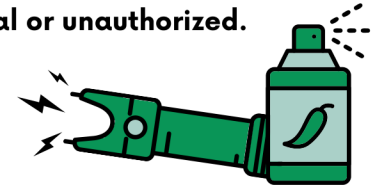
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SELF DEFENSE

It's never a bad idea to take self defense classes, and have safety products on your person for an event and regular life. Make sure you research what self defense products are legal and permissible in the area you are in, and check with the host of the event to see if they allow such products. **Never bring anything that is illegal or unauthorized.**



BUDDY UP

Going with friends to an event is generally a good idea safety wise, plus it makes an event so much more fun! Use the buddy system and don't go off on your own. Stay connected via phones, or use an app like "Life360" to be able to track your friends in case of emergency.

