

# IF THE FBI OR POLICE KNOCK

- Never let them in.

- You do not have to answer the door. If they present a warrant, ask them to slide it under the door or pass it through a cracked window.
- If you answered before you knew they were law enforcement, step outside and close the door behind you.
- Immediately contact your attorney, anti-repression crew, and/or comrades to let them know this is happening.
- If they ask for someone who is not there, simply say “They are not here.” You don’t need to and should not acknowledge or deny that you know them or that they live there or come by there.
- Say “I am not going to answer any question. I would like to speak with a lawyer.”
- Say “If you want to leave a card, a lawyer will contact you.”
- If they want to enter, ask to see a warrant. Regardless of whether they have a warrant, say “I do not consent to a search.”
- If they have a warrant you can inspect it for deficiencies (address, judge’s signature, etc.) and point out any that you find. Reiterate that “I do not consent to a search.”
- If they insist on entering, with or without a warrant, you should not physically interfere. Just repeat “I do not consent to a search.” You don’t have to open the door for them, but they will probably force entry if they want to.
  - If they have entered, record everything with a camera or your phone. Take detailed notes in addition to the recording. Make note of names, agencies, badge numbers, where they searched, what they took, and any damage that was done.
- If they ask you questions, say “I am going to remain silent. I want a lawyer.”
- If they arrest you, say “I am going to remain silent. I want a lawyer.”
- Don’t believe anything they tell you. Police and FBI are legally allowed and trained to lie to get you to talk. You can always tell when they are lying because their lips are moving!
- On the other hand, lying to the FBI is a federal crime, and routinely lands people in prison even when there was no evidence of any other crime in the first place.
- Contact a lawyer as soon as possible. Inform your community and comrades, the FBI could be headed to their house next. Keeping the FBI contact a secret keeps you isolated and in turn vulnerable. Organize legal support, community support, community resistance.
- If they serve you a subpoena to a grand jury, contact a lawyer immediately. Inform your community and comrades. Organize legal support, community support, community resistance.

The contact for the local legal support/anti-repression group or National Lawyer’s Guild chapter is  
phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

The contact for a local sympathetic/movement attorney is: name: \_\_\_\_\_  
phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Visits by police and FBI and other law enforcement are a part of a larger strategy of political repression to disrupt, intimidate, criminalize, and discredit our resistance and liberation movements. They are gathering intelligence on movements and looking for weaknesses. Everyone has something to hide, even if they don’t know it. It’s often the information that you don’t know is dangerous that will fuck you and your friends the most.

Knowing what to do in these stressful moments is vital to keeping each other safe. Make sure you, your roommates, friends, family, comrades, neighbors, coworkers, baby sitters, and everyone else know what to do when the feds or cops coming knocking! Practice with each other so when you are scared and half-awake at 5am, you don’t have to even think about it. Hang this flier inside your door.

Don’t be paralyzed by fear or paranoia. We all get scared; we all get traumatized; we all need support. Repression makes us love each other stronger and fight harder together. Organize your community to support each other and push back on this surveillance and repression.

***Movement defense means all of us! Solidarity means silence to law enforcement!***