Prepare your phone for protests

Use messaging apps that can’t be intercepted
Signal and Whatsapp are encrypted services

Turn off Location Tracking
Turn on airplane mode or turn off location history/services

Use a passcode, not fingerprint or face recognition
The longer your passcode the better. Passcodes have more legal protection than biometrics.

Turn off or obscure notifications
If your phone is seized notifications can reveal info about anyone getting in touch with you

Before You Share
Take screenshots of any photos and post those instead to strip out identifying metadata. Cover up identifying information for people and locations

Physicalize Your Phonebook
Phones can run out of battery, get lost, broken, or taken away. Write down a lawyer or emergency contact on your arm in Sharpie

NYC National Lawyers Guild support hotline: (212) 679-6018

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