

Demonstrations / Protests

Demonstrations and protests are common at universities. Most are a peaceful attempts to raise awareness of a particular issue. Occasionally demonstrations begin peacefully and then turn violent resulting in property damage and personal injury.

Here are some guidelines on how to respond and react to demonstrations.

Interacting with Demonstrators:

- **Do not provoke**, obstruct, or get into verbal altercations with the demonstrators.
- **Move away from potentially dangerous areas** if a demonstration is becoming violent.

Maintaining Security:

- When you leave your office or lab always **close and lock doors**.
- **Do not allow others to follow you** into secured areas.
- If necessary, **have the building coordinator secure your building or area:**
 - Lock exterior doors
 - Reprogram your campus automated access management system (CAAMS).
- For scheduled demonstrations, **contact University Police (206-685-8973)** if you feel you will need **additional security**.

When to Call 911:

- If there is a **disruption to teaching, research, or work**.
- If demonstrators **obstruct sidewalks or doorways**.
- If you **feel threatened or passers-by are being harassed**.
- If you **see suspicious, criminal or destructive activity**.
- If **violence appears imminent or has erupted**