DEVICE SECURITY ¬

BEFORE ACTION

BACKUP YOUR DATA
Consider a burner

Assume that your phone may be taken from you or otherwise lost. Back up any data that you would not like to lose. It is also recommended you remove any data from the device that you would not want seen by an untrusted third party. Consider a cheap burner phone as an alternative.

APPLY UPDATES
Updates to phones may patch security bugs that could enable someone with physical access to your phone the ability to unlock it without your consent.

SET UP SECURE MESSENGER
Avoid sending regular text messages

If you need to use your phone to coordinate with others ahead of time, use a secure message service. Signal is a commonly used, secure messaging app. Be aware that all parties must install the app/service and sign up for accounts to participate.

LEARN HOW TO SCRUB METADATA
Remove identification and location data from media before sharing

Images contain metadata that may expose information about you, the location where the image was taken or the device the image was taken on and should be removed before posting or sharing.

https://everestpipkin.github.io/image-scrubber/

DISABLE FINGERPRINT AND FACE UNLOCK
Use a PIN or passcode instead

You could be physically forced to use your fingerprint or face to unlock your device. Disable the use of your fingerprint or face to unlock your device and use a PIN or passcode. A strong passcode will have at least **6 digits**.

DURING ACTION

ENABLE AIRPLANE MODE
Disabling your connection to cell towers will make you harder to track via your device

Your cell phone provider will have a record of where your phone is, and therefore where you likely are. Put your phone into airplane mode before you leave you arrive to any action. Arrange alternative modes of keeping in contact and set meeting points.

TAKE PHOTOS + VIDEO
WITHOUT UNLOCKING YOUR DEVICE
Avoid unlocking your phone unless it is absolutely necessary

With most **Android** devices: tap, hold, and swipe the camera icon, With Pixel devices double-press the power button. With **iOS** firmly press on the camera icon on the lock screen. Older iOS devices require you to swipe left.

STAY SAFE ¬ STICK TOGETHER ¬