

PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN CANADA: A LEGAL & TACTICAL GUIDE



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PREPARE THINK RECORD FOCUS GET SUPPORT

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR

ACTIVISM

PREPARE

Plan your activities in advance to ensure that you have the necessary permits and authorizations from local and/or campus authorities, that you understand what regulations may apply, and that you're prepared for possible backlash, with supporters lined up to back you, a media strategy, and any necessary legal advice in advance, when possible.

THINK

Consider the potential legal implications of your activities, including possible civil or criminal sanctions. Review this guide for information about issues that might arise in your activism, and contact us with questions.

RECORD

Create a record of incidents that you believe target your speech activities — such as attempts to repress your speech by government, university officials, private groups, etc. Record details, such as date, time, location, witness names and contact information, law enforcement names and badge numbers, what was said/done, pictures and other evidence. Confirm in writing any understanding reached in in-person meetings by emailing and asking for a response. Make notes while the event is fresh in your mind. Record all incidents, including those big and small.

FOCUS

Focus on your activism! Media work, public actions, advocacy campaigns, and legislative work are most effective in getting your message out. Legal action is a last resort in most cases.

GET SUPPORT

Contact us when you or your group needs legal or advocacy support, and to report incidents. We may be able to provide you with additional resources and connect you with organizational support or other lawyers in your area who understand the political and legal issues, if necessary, email info@justpeaceadvocates.ca.



ABOUT

Just Peace Advocates is a Canadian, independent organization promoting the human rights of the Palestinian people and those that stand in solidarity for the human rights of the Palestinian people. Its vision is to provide a civil society voice focused on governmental, institutional, and societal accountability to the rule of law, and the standards of international human rights and humanitarian law for the rights of Palestinian people.

The work of Just Peace Advocates is accomplished through research, monitoring, education, communications, advocacy, programs, and service provision.

DISCLAIMER

This guide is meant to provide basic information on legal issues that Palestinian rights activists may face, and tips on how to navigate them. It provides some generally applicable information and some campus-specific information for student activists. Any legal information in this resource is intended for general educational purposes and is **NOT a substitute for legal advice** – federal and provincial laws differ, laws may change, and the application of all laws depends on the specific facts of a case. Make sure to consult with a lawyer before relying on any information you find here.

For legal advice on your campaign or about a specific issue you are facing, or to report incidents of repression of your activism, please email info@justpeaceadvocates.ca.

We are also glad to provide workshops or schedule meetings to discuss your particular needs, whenever possible.

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