Activists use the term ‘security culture’ to talk about a set of practices shared by a community whose members may engage in sensitive or illegal activities together. Security culture practices minimize the risks of members getting arrested before or after a direct action or their actions being foiled.

Virtual Spaces

1. Use a VPN
2. Use encrypted software

What is a VPN? A virtual private network extends a private network across a public network and enables users to send and receive data across shared or public networks as if their computing devices were directly connected to the private network.

Encryption

Encryption is a safer way to share information via email, text and video chat. Encryption is the process of encoding information. This process converts the original representation of the information, into an alternative form and then back again to the intended reader.

Digital Devices

Connecting with comrades or affinity groups? Use encrypted apps like Signal.

*Also be aware of who, what and how you film actions...don't do the cops job for them. We keep us safe!

Apps

There are both free and paid apps and software:

* Tutanota - encrypted email with an interface much like Gmail.
* Signal - texting app
* Cryptpad - encrypted docs app much like Google Docs
* Jitsi - encrypted video conferencing
* Jotform - encrypted form builder

Personal Safety

Travel in groups
Make a communication plan
Let someone know where you will be
Consider buying a burner phone
Wear protective gear - mask, goggles, helmet
Black bloc - wear black plain clothing
Bring a change of clothes
Know your limitations - are you arrestable?