

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE IF VIOLENCE ARISES

- 1) Stay calm---be aware of your power to affect others. Assess what is needed in the situation and feel free to ask others for help.
- 2) If you're with friends, stay together. Discuss possible responses ahead of time so you can respond quickly.
- 3) If one or two individuals are being loud or confrontational, attempt to talk with them.
- 4) If a small group becomes involved in a violent confrontation with police move back, create a clear separation. Ask others to join you. Show that you don't support the violence.
- 5) Remember, it's okay to say how you feel about what's happening: eg: "Stop that" "We want to be non-violent here."
- 6) Other techniques to maintain nonviolence: Talking, singing, chanting in a calm voice, eye contact, listening, don't get in heated arguments, link hands, sit down, non-threatening body language, humor and common sense.
- 7) You are invited to **WEAR A WHITE ARM BAND or RIBBON** to show your support for non-violence.

JOIN US IN MAINTAINING A NONVIOLENT PRESENCE.

- **If we want others to join us...**
- **If we want to gain allies among the uncommitted ...**

We need to practice nonviolence in a disciplined, organized and empowering fashion. We need to **focus public discussion on the issues** -- not on flag burning, not on graffiti, not on violence.

We must look at our actions as part of an ongoing (and growing!) movement. Because of the increasing size of our demonstrations, the unpredictability of the government response and the possible presence of agent provocateurs we need to think about the consequences of activist-instigated violence.