On the Day - 12 Stewarding Tips

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Stewards on a protest are welcomed, and we want to be professional too.

1. Stewards' primary task is to keep protesters and passers by safe (e.g. from traffic).
2. Don't talk to the police or security, never repeat or text anything you might hear them say, nor rumours.
3. If asked (e.g. how long, what else): you don't know, you are here to keep people safe, you are not part of the protest.
4. Stay calm, don’t get into arguments, take a deep breath and de-escalate.
5. To communicate quickly to a crowd, use Mic check.
6. Stewards work in pairs so that if for instance there is an accident, one stays with the injured, the other gets help.
7. Ask the lead steward anything you don't know, but find out where the nearest toilets are yourself as this will often be asked.
8. Do not point or gesture at people who might be helping at the protest- you may be being filmed so you don't want to be identifying people.
9. Safeguarding: stay in pairs, do not give unclaimed children to random people, leave reuniting to the authorities.
10. On a march slow the front to the slowest participant, don't allow gaps to widen, send banner pairs to hold intersections.
11. On a static protest keep a path clear on the pavement for passers by and keep protesters off the road unless it is closed to traffic.
12. Ask and suggest, don't order: people don't have to obey you.

Watch the 4min video of these tips: Stewards Briefing Video.

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