

This lands in front of
you.

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A quick intro guide to dealing with
chemical irritants used by ICE in
Minneapolis.

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I found myself asking this very same question tonight, January 14th, at the corner of 6th st and 23rd N after ICE shot two people, and repeatedly gassed the crowd that had gathered.

It seemed that many others wondered the same, as out of a crowd of 50+ people, only myself and two others at the time took any action against the gas being fired.

This needs to change.

Teargas isn't scary.

If you've ever braved throwing new wood onto a bonfire and getting smoke in your eyes- congrats, you're brave enough to deal with teargas.

Here's how.

What's it feel like?

This was my first time being teargassed, and whilst not an expert by any means, I can at least describe how it felt to you in order to take even more of the unknown and scariness out of it.

This was what it felt like through a facemask:

To me, it felt like a mix of the sting of getting bonfire smoke in your eyes, or accidentally itching your eyes with hot sauce on them. When breathing, it felt like the first time I smoked a cigarette or hit a bong, with each inhale burning slightly and making me cough incessantly.

Altogether unpleasant I won't lie- but what's a little discomfort when you're standing up to the bastards that are killing and kidnapping your neighbors? We're Minnesotans after all, we can handle a little discomfort if it means we beat these ICE thugs.

How to deal with gas?

The point of this zine is to make you confident enough to handle gas whenever it may appear.

The first step to this is recognizing when it is being deployed.

When gas is deployed, you will often hear a fairly loud bang or pop sound, which will readily alert you to the direction it is coming from.

As is often the case, places where gas is deployed are loud and chaotic, and you may not hear it being used initially.

What does it look like?

This brings us to visual identification. Gas comes in various forms such as hand thrown grenades or projectiles launched from various firearms or purpose made launchers.

The ones used tonight came in this small puck shape, as shown on the cover- one of the projectiles I recovered from the site.

They're about an inch and a half in diameter and covered in metal with a hole through the center.

During the day it would be fairly easy to spot, and during the night even moreso, as when they land, that center hole glows bright red, giving away its position, even through its smoke.

How do I dispose of it?

Now that you heard where its coming from, visually spotted it, and are focused, it's time to spring into action.

There are several ways to do this. The quickest and simplest way is to pick it up and throw it right back to the bastards that launched it.

Just pick it up and throw it. They're certainly a little warm, so I would recommend wearing gloves of some sort, but in worst case scenario, if you have bare hands you can do it, but it will be very uncomfortable or even burn you.

This advice is just for the projectiles shown on the cover, actual full tear gas grenades get extremely hot and will badly burn bare skin.

Another option is to seal it somehow- covering it in a solid container or box or some such. It won't fully neutralize the gas, but it will greatly mitigate its effects.

To fully neutralize the gas, there are various solutions and mixtures described online that work well. This is outside of my knowledge base, but the basics of it are to have a container with a liquid mixture in it, take the gas projectile and place it into the mixture and shake until it goes out.

I encourage you to do further research on this yourself as well.

Information is power.

What's the point?

So you've thrown the gas back at the thugs or neutralized it, but ICE is still there and gas is still being launched at you. What was the point?

It shows we're not gonna be fucked with.
It shows that we're gonna stand tall.
It shows that we're not intimidated.
It shows that you care.

How do I protect myself against gas?

You'll want to wear some protective gear. Ideally a full respirator mask, sealed goggles, and thick gloves are what you'll be wearing, but anything you can get together is better than nothing. Even if you have nothing at all, discomfort and little pain is a small price to pay for standing up for your city, your neighbors, and your life.

I hope this zine has taken some of the edge and scariness out of tear gas for you.

Next time you find yourself in a crowd that is being gassed, act. Even if its just kicking the gas a few feet away.

If you do nothing, run away, or hope someone else does something, you are doing what ICE wants.

It's a scary time, but you're out there fighting, you're putting your body out there where it counts, so you've already shown you're a strong motherfucker, so what's a little bit of gas to you?

Throw that shit back. Show you're not scared, and encourage and inspire the others around you to do the same.

“In any moment of
decision, the best thing
you can do is the right
thing, the next best
thing is the wrong
thing,
and the worst thing
you can do is
nothing.”

-Theodore Roosevelt