

POSTERING SAFETY GUIDE



BY NIAGARA REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE



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- **Postering is best done on smooth, non-porous surfaces** such as glass, concrete, or metal, rather than more porous surfaces like wooden utility poles.
- **Consider your and your friends' positionalities.** You are more likely to be targeted for engaging in postering if you are racialized. Also consider if you or anybody you're with is on a study or work permit, is undocumented, or if they have any prior convictions, and what additional risks they may face if stopped by police.
- **Go postering with a friend!** However, it is better to go alone than with somebody you don't fully know and trust. Make sure whoever you take with you is a trusted friend that also understands the risks associated with the activity.

- **Don't wear any identifying information while you are postering** (such as a shirt with your name or place of employment or school on it).
- **Avoid putting posters on private property** because this is illegal and can result in a fine.
- **For extra safety, do not go straight home after postering** in case somebody who disagrees with your message was watching you, especially if you live close to the area in which you were postering. Go to a cafe or another public area first.

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CHOOSING A TIME AND PLACE

- Wheatpaste is the most secure way to put up posters, but it takes longer than working with tape. Take this into account when choosing your location and time of day.
- It is best to poster when there is low visibility and not a lot of people around. However, this may also make passerbys feel more confident to harass you. So another strategy is **going postering with a large group of people** (rather than just one or two), still preferably at night.

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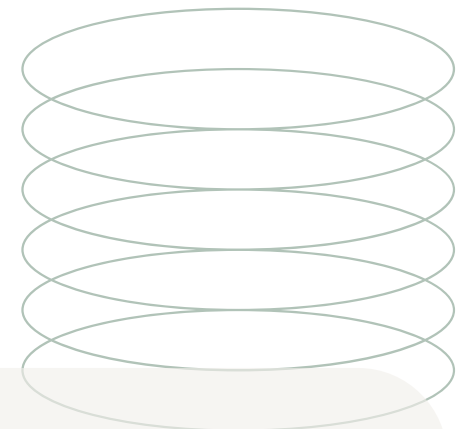


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RISKS

- It is legal to put up posters on public property, but it is illegal to put up posters on private property. However, the legality of postering on public property is not always respected by cops or city officials. **It is best to avoid cops when putting up posters just in case.**
- You may experience unwanted engagement from anti-choicers who disagree with the message on your posters.
- Niagara Reproductive Justice is not able to help cover legal fees and fines resulting from postering.

INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC



- If stopped by passerbys or business owners, **just walk away.** If somebody stops and asks you any information about yourself, **do not give it.**
- If somebody asks you about the group you are with because they want to get involved, you can tell them that NRJ is a local group working to make abortion more accessible in Niagara and they can go to www.niagarareproductivejustice.com to learn more and inquire about getting involved. **Do not say anybody else's name or give out any personal contact information.** Sending them to our website is the safest way to direct their questions because we have a vetting process in place to ensure the person has good intentions.
- **If stopped by the police, do whatever is safest for you.** You can let them know that postering on public property is a protected form of free speech under section 2(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. However, individual bylaw officers are not necessarily going to protect your rights. You should be prepared for the possibility of interacting with police anytime you go out postering.

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HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

