

Covering demonstrations checklist



Preparation

	<i>Have you?</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Got a plan?	Decide what your story really is, do you need to go there to get the story? CAN YOU GET IT ANOTHER WAY? How long do you need there and why?
2.	Got a plan for emergencies?	Do a map study and plan escape routes. Try to drive the area, so you know the backstreets before you have to walk it. Ensure you have a plan to communicate with the driver.
3	Got an entry plan and exit plan?	Where will you get out of the car and where will the car go to? Will you have a driver? If not where will you park your car? You run the risk of it getting burnt or vandalized if you leave it near to the protests
4	Got someone who knows the area and the back streets?	
5	Thought about where you keep your valuables?	
6	Written your risk assessment	

Equipment – ensure you have a backpack with the following

	<i>Have you?</i>	<i>Comments/Your notes</i>
1	Got your press accreditation, ID, Photocopies of your documents	Do not take your passport, take a colour photocopy
2.	Got enough money for any eventuality	
3	Any prescription drugs	
4	Sunhat and sun screen	
5	Hat, sweater and jumper/jacket if in the winter	
6	Raincoat or umbrella – if rain forecast	
7	Water for drinking and for washing away the tear gas	
8	Food – snack bars	
9	Torch and spare batteries	
10	Goggles and dust mask or preferably a respirator/gas mask with spare canister or escape hood	
11	Hard hat/baseball cap against bricks being thrown	
12	Small fire extinguisher	
13	Wetwipes	
14	Medical pack with equipment for burns and gunshots Eye drops	
15	Compass and map so you know where you are and which to run to safety	
16	Spare communications and spare batteries	