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Tear Gas FOR PORTLANDERS

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violations of human rights

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flawed chronology;
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equipment that
processes tree nuts



You're already
paying for this;
why not learn
about it?

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Don't just take my word for it. Trusting a cartoon? Chump move.



Action Items

Learn

Read Don't Shoot Portland's tear gas report, and their other work.

Educate yourself about racism, police and prison abolition, ableism and sex work decriminalization, and impacts of colonialism.

Follow local journalists

Follow local activists and organizers

Donate

To mutual aid funds

To bail funds:

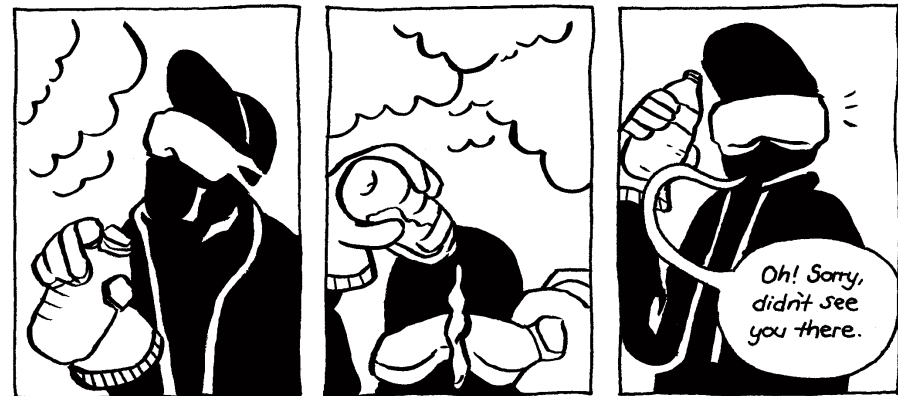
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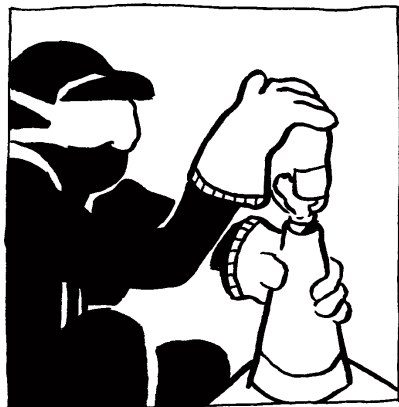
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Head out into your community and exercise your first amendment rights:
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Thanks for reading.
See you next time!





TEAR

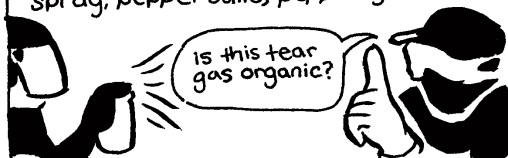
'Tear gas' is a broad category of substances that make the air spicy, generally used in effort to make a crowd disperse.

Common effects include:

- loss of vision, tearing
- excessive salivation

Chemical irritants categorized as 'tear gas' include:

OC gas, in forms like pepper spray, pepper balls, pepper grenades



Tearing effect due to capsaicin from peppers!

CN gas, also sold as Mace

The most toxic of the commonly used tear gases, popularity has fallen since the 60s in favor of the perhaps quintessential tear gas: CS GAS



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BYSTANDERS

• Tear gas is released downtown with no regard for the safety of houseless people



• Tear gas has impacted nearby drivers²¹

• Tear gas has seeped into residential homes; kids & pets vulnerable^{23, 24}

• Tear gas or smoke bombs have been released around city buses.



• Multiple members of the press have been arrested at protests; press and legal observers are tear gassed.^{25, 26}

PANDEMIC



Impacts of tear gas are worsened in the era of COVID-19 because:

• Tear gas causes coughing, a top vector³¹

• Tear gas makes people stop following social distancing guidelines, as they remove masks and justly prioritize taking care of each other.

• Tear gas irritates the respiratory system, possibly increasing susceptibility to COVID-19, and worsening existing cases.³²

• Droplets propelled by tear gas grenades are approx. size of COVID-19 transmitters.³³



ACTIVITY SECTION: discover & record your own crimes against humanity!

OUTRAGE



cataloging specifically
tear gas related crimes
against Portlanders!

IMPACTS

GENERAL²:

- Eyes fill with tears, nose runs, salivation
- Burning pain in eyes and nose
- Difficulty breathing
- Inflammation of lungs
- Miscarriage, potentially menstrual irregularities^{23,22}

... AMONG MANY MORE

CANISTER:

- Severe burns, head injuries (potentially fatal)²³

LONG TERM EFFECTS:

- Reactive Airway Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS, asthma mimic but unresponsive to treatment¹³)
- Chest pain, coughing, breathing difficulty for weeks¹⁴
- If gas released in confined space: death²⁰

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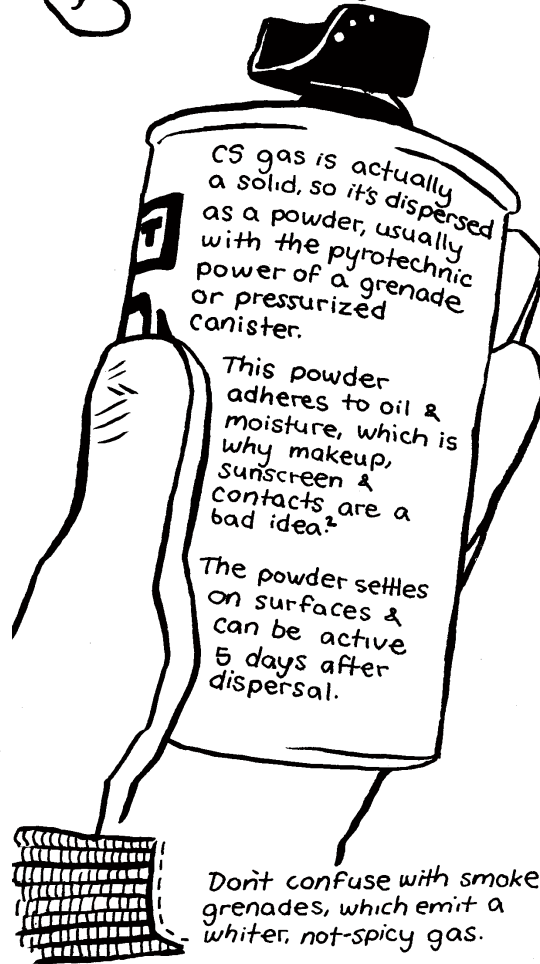
PROTESTERS

Reported lung inflammation, asthma attacks

Tear gas in particular is an equity issue in that, even when the PPB announces they will use tear gas before they release it, they don't leave time for sign language interpreters to relay the message, or for people who cannot run to leave the area; this effectively silences the voices of many people who have a right to make themselves heard.²⁴

This is not to mention the numerous injuries PPB inflicts on protesters.

CS GAS



COUGH

CS gas & every other form of tear gas has been banned in warfare under multiple treaties, the first being the 1925 Geneva convention³

The CDC recommends you seal all clothing that has been exposed to tear gas in bags, & have professionals dispose of them.⁴

Practical advice:

- Leave shoes outside for multiple days
- Wash clothing at least 2x
- Take a cold shower (hot water reactivates)
- Hydrate

Freeze

hack



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TEAR GAS & THE



This is not the first time the PPB has used tear gas on protesters



On June 1st, PPB spent \$50,000, \$20,000 of it directly on chemical munitions. It's hard to tell how much they've spent overall.⁹

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Riots?

"A person commits the crime of riot if while participating with five or more other persons the person engages in tumultuous and violent conduct..."¹⁰

- Oregon law

Justification



PPB claims they must use tear gas, because:

"If it's the choice between using CS gas and a fatality..."

- PPB Deputy Chief Chris Davis

Where is their evidence that this is the case?

- MARCH 13th Breonna Taylor murdered by police
- MAY 6th Drejson Reed murdered by police
- 25th George Floyd murdered by police
- 28th First Portland protest
- 29th Tear gas used for first time; curfew imposed
- JUNE 2nd Curfew lifted
- 8th Lt. Charles Lovell appointed chief of PPB
- 9th Oregon District Court limits tear gas for 14 days
- 12th Rayshard Brooks murdered by police
- 15th Fence around Justice Center removed
- 17th Portland City Council reduce PPB budget by 3%
- 19th Arrests at Justice Center on Juneteenth
- 25th First use of tear gas after judge's order
- 26th Oregon Legislature passes bill; no tear gas but at riot¹³
- 30th Police declare riot outside PPB union building; proceed to riot; arrest journalists
- JULY 2nd Elk removed after fire damage
- 4th Battle of 4th of July
- 5th Feds noted outside Justice Center
- 10th Feds have explicit control over Portland protest response; person arrested for chalk line
- 11th Feds shoot unarmed man in head¹⁴
- 14th Feds kidnap people in unmarked cars
- 17th Portland returns to national news¹⁵

Partial Chronology^{16, 17, 18}