



**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



PROTESTING SAFELY



Burbank Municipal Code 5-3-301 prohibits certain items from being carried or possessed while attending or participating in any public demonstration, rally, protest, picket line or public assembly. To read the full ordinance, visit www.BurbankPD.org.

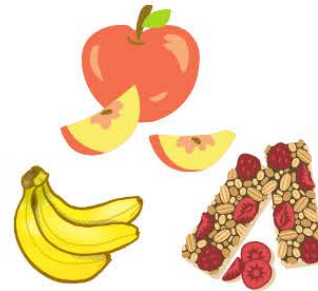
WHAT TO BRING



**SIGNS &
POSTERS**



WATER



SNACKS

PROHIBITED ITEMS



GLASS BOTTLES



**FIREARMS, KNIVES,
& WEAPONS**



BRICKS & ROCKS



**AEROSOL SPRAYS &
PEPPER SPRAYS**



**PROJECTILE
LAUNCHERS**



**BASEBALL &
SOFTBALL BATS**

BURBANK MUNICIPAL CODE 5-3-301

EFFECTIVE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2024

5-3-301: PROHIBITION ON CARRYING OR POSSESSING SPECIFIED ITEMS WHILE ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION, RALLY, PROTEST, PICKET LINE OR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY:

(A) No person shall carry or possess the following items or articles while attending or participating in any demonstration, rally, protest, picket line or public assembly:

1. Any length of lumber, wood, or wood lath unless that object is 1/4 inch or less in thickness and 2 inches or less in width, or if not generally rectangular in shape, such object shall not exceed 3/4 inch in its thickest dimension. Both ends of the lumber, wood or wood lath shall be blunt;
2. Any length of metal or plastic pipe, whether hollow or solid; provided, however, that hollow plastic piping not exceeding 3/4 inch in its thickest dimension and not exceeding 1/8 inch in wall thickness, and not filled with any material, liquid, gas or solid may be used solely to support a sign, banner, placard, puppet or other similar expressive display. Both ends of any plastic pipe permissible under this subsection shall be blunt;
3. Signs, posters, banners, plaques or notices, whether or not mounted on a length of material permitted under Subdivisions 1. and 2. of this section, unless such sign, poster, banner, plaque or notice is constructed solely of soft material, such as cloth, paper, soft plastic capable of being rolled or folded, or cardboard material no greater than 1/4 inch in thickness;
4. Baseball or softball bats, regardless of composition or size; provided, however, that such items are permissible when configured of cloth, cardboard, soft plastic, foam or paper for expressive purposes;
5. Any aerosol spray, tear gas, mace, pepper spray or bear repellent;
6. Any projectile launcher or other device, such as a catapult or wrist rocket, which is commonly used for the purpose of launching, hurling or throwing any object, liquid, material or other substance, whether through force of air pressure, spring action or any other mechanism;
7. Weapons such as firearms, knives, swords, sabers or other bladed devices, axes, hatchets, ice picks, razor blades, nunchucks or martial arts weapons of any kind, box cutters, pellet or BB guns, conducted electrical weapons,

including, but not limited to, Tasers or stun guns, metal/composite/ wooden knuckles, or any chain greater than 20 inches in length or greater than 1/4 inch in diameter. This subsection also includes toy or replica firearms unless such toy or replica is florescent colored or transparent;

8. Balloons, bottles or any other container such as water cannons or super-soakers, filled with any flammable, biohazard or other noxious matter which is injurious, or nauseous, sickening or irritating to any of the senses;
9. Glass bottles, whether empty or filled;
10. Open flame torches, lanterns or other devices that utilize combustible materials such as gasoline, kerosene, propane or other fuel sources;
11. Shields made of metal, wood, hard plastic or any combination thereof;
12. Bricks, rocks, pieces of asphalt, concrete, pellets or ball bearings; and/or
13. Laser pointers or laser-style devices emitting any color beam, milliwatt output level, intensity class level or any visibility level, including infrared, or nonvisible.

(B) When feasible, excluding exigent circumstances, a warning shall be issued before enforcement of the provisions of this section. Such warning shall be sufficient if provided orally, by posted signs or by amplified announcement.

(C) Authorized peace officers, or employees, agents or representatives of the City, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section when such officers, employees, agents or representatives of the City are engaged in official business of the City.

(D) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an individual from carrying a cane or using a walker or other device necessary for providing mobility so that the person may participate in a public protest, demonstration, rally, picket line or public assembly. Further, nothing in this section shall prohibit the imposition of specific conditions for activities expressly authorized under permit issued by the City of Burbank.

(E) If any provision of this Ordinance or its application is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, sections, or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end each phrase, section, sentence, or word is declared to be severable.