

# Your Rights to Rally

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- The Boone County Sheriff's Office is committed to the protection of the Constitutional Rights of all men and women regardless of age, race, religion, sexual preference, socioeconomic background, or any other factor.
- The Boone County Sheriff's Office will protect the rights of any individual or organization to demonstrate, including but not limited to the freedom of speech and assembly.
- The Boone County Sheriff's Office will also protect the rights of the individual or organization that is the object of the demonstration.
- The Boone County Sheriff's Office is also responsible for providing firm and fair enforcement of the law, including Boone County Ordinance and the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

**Q. Can my free speech rights be restricted because of what I want to say? Even if it is controversial?**

A. **NO.** However, you may not physically disrupt an event, specifically advocate violence, advocate illegal actions, impede the traffic of a public roadway or sidewalk, or block an entrance to a private driveway.

**Q. Where can you engage in a free speech activity?**

A. You may demonstrate in the right of way on Deck Lane or Bullitsburg Church Road.

A. You may not demonstrate on the right of way on the Idelwild Bypass or Interstate 275 (including the grassy area of the entrance / exit ramps or the median). The narrow roadways and speed of traffic on these roads place yourself, other pedestrians, and motorists at considerable risk for a serious injury or motor vehicle crash.

**Q. What types of free speech activity are constitutionally protected?**

A. The First Amendment covers all forms of communication, including music. The Constitution also protects actions that symbolically express a viewpoint. Examples of these symbolic forms include wearing masks, costumes, and holding candlelight vigils. However, symbolic acts and civil disobedience that involve illegal conduct may be outside the realm of constitutional protections and sometimes lead to arrest and conviction. Therefore, while sitting in the road may be expressing a political opinion, the act of blocking traffic may lead to criminal punishment.

**Q. Where may I demonstrate at?**

- A. You may legally demonstrate on the right of way, outside of the paved portion. The right of way varies in width, depending on the particular road, and where on the road you are positioned. Please ask your nearest Deputy Sheriff for assistance. You may not set up tables, sound amplifiers, or other objects on the right of way. Generally speaking, the narrowest right of way width is 30 feet. See below:

**Example:**

