

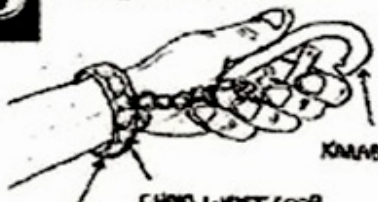





Lock-ons & other disruptive tactics

In the past people have blockaded by standing, sitting or lying across the road with their arms linked. People often go limp when arrested, making it harder for the police to move them off the road. Affinity groups have chained themselves to each other or to objects, including cars. To make it more difficult for police to cut chains people join hands through a metal, plastic or cardboard tube, using karabiners (climbing clips) attached to chains or rope around their wrists. Concrete has been used in objects from caravans to wheelie bins to form lock-ons in the past.

Tubes need to be long enough to prevent the police sliding them along your arm to reveal the karabiner or rope. They need to be disguised if possible as the police have in the past seized lock-on equipment and/or arrested those carrying it before they get to a blockade. Tubes can be disguised as part of a fancy dress costume, street theatre props, dummy missiles, or in old rucksacks - use your imagination! In addition to lock-ons there are numerous ways to block entrances, using tripods, or vehicles which are left without a driver and with people locked on in various ways. To see pics of recent blockading tactics visit <http://actionawe.org/direct-action-ideas> for general blockading pics and inspiration

<p>BEGINNER'S GUIDE LOCK-ON TUBES...</p> <p>1</p> <p>First find a suitable tube... metal is best but plastic or cardboard will do!</p>  <p>ABOUT 2½ TO 3 FEET (4M) LONG</p>	<p>2 Make sure it is long enough (to stop the polis sliding it up your arm)</p>  <p>BUT NOT TOO LONG!!</p>	<p>3 You connect together using karabiners...</p>  <p>KARABINER CHAIN WRIST LOOP PROONG</p> <p>which are fixed to your wrist by short lengths of chain or rope</p>
<p>4 You "Lock-On" to the chain or rope around your partner's wrist</p>  <p>(OR YOU CAN JUST HOLD HANDS!)</p>	<p>5 Remember to camouflage your tube...</p>  <p>BUT HONEST OFFICER - IT'S JUST A HAT! (AND KEEP THE ROPE & CHAIN HIDDEN)</p>	<p>6 THINK BIG!</p>  <p>LOCK-ON TUBE DISGUISED AS A MAYPOLE!</p> <p>and have FUN!</p>

Many campaigns offer Direct Action ideas and tactics. A selection of downloadable guides and handbooks can be found at: <http://actionawe.org/direct-action-handbooks/> If you'd like to organise an NVDA (nonviolent direct action) workshop and need a facilitator please let us know - phone Angie on 01547 520929 or email june@tridentploughshares.org, or visit www.tridentploughshares.org/category/training



The Mearings - car blockading the south entrance