Basic procedural requirements to organize demonstrations according to the Law on Peaceful Demonstrations and its Implementation Guide

1) Obligations of the organizers

If you organize a gathering at any public space or a march on a public road to make any demand:
- You need to submit a written notification to the Phnom Penh municipal hall or the provincial hall, specifying:
  ✓ First names and surnames of 3 organizers
  ✓ Addresses of 3 organizers
  ✓ The purpose of the demonstration
  ✓ The planned date, time and duration of demonstration
  ✓ The location and/or roads to be used for the demonstration
  ✓ The estimated number of participants
  ✓ Submit a copy of the identity cards of the 3 organizers

Required time to submit the notification letter:
At least 5 working days before the gathering or march takes place.

The written notification shall be submitted to the municipal or provincial hall.

If you organize a gathering to make any demand at the Freedom Park, or at a private space, or at a collective space:
- You need to submit a written notification specifying:
  ✓ First names and surnames of 3 organizers
  ✓ Signature or thumbprint of 3 organizers
  ✓ For a private or collective space, there must be an approval from the property owner or the property management committee.
  ✓ Also submit a copy of the identity cards of the 3 organizers

Required time to submit the notification letter:
At least 12 hours in advance during working days, and 36 hours in advance during public holidays.

The following gatherings do NOT need a written notification to the authorities:

Gatherings which are not related to any public demand, such as:
- Gathering for any purpose other than a public protest
- Meeting to discuss and find solutions for any particular issue
- Educational activities such as:
  • Training
  • Workshop
  • Public forum
  • Press conferences
- Parade, or funeral procession
- Meetings during the electoral campaign
- Or meetings to serve religion, art, culture, national customs and tradition
2) **Obligations of the Municipal or Provincial authorities**

Upon receiving a notification, the municipal or provincial competent authority must:

- Issue an acknowledgment of receipt to the organizers
- Post the notification letter immediately in a visible place, in its administrative building or on its official homepage
- Deliver copies of the notification letter to the local police station, gendarmerie station and other relevant competent authorities.

**Respond positively, except if:**

- The demonstration is planned during a major festival, as provided for in Article 9 of the Law on Peaceful
- There is substantial information that the demonstration may cause danger, or jeopardize the public security, safety and order.
  
  In this regard, the municipal or provincial authorities shall strictly bear in mind that:
  - A demonstration to protest does not necessarily “cause danger or seriously jeopardize security, safety and public order.”
  - A demonstration which may cause a traffic jam does not necessarily “cause danger or seriously jeopardize security, safety and public order.”

**Provide a response within 3 working days**

- In such cases, municipal or provincial authorities must invite those submitting a notification to discuss and find solutions.
- If no solution is found, the municipal or provincial authorities must seek a decisive opinion from the Minister of Interior.

**No response from authorities means that the authorities have approved and that the demonstration may be proceed without being dispersed.**

The Minister of Interior must give a written response within 24 hours of the working days before the scheduled demonstration.