



Guides, Resources & Other Organisations

Guides

Our guides are designed to help support you in dealing with the police.

We are not lawyers. The information in these guides comes from our collective experience in supporting people in protest situations, and is offered in solidarity. It is not formal legal advice, and should not be treated as such. The list also includes links to some guides on external websites from partners including Netpol.

We are in the process of re-formatting existing guides and writing new ones for this website. Keep checking back to see what is new, and [let us know](#) if things don't work as they should.

Supporting Yourself

- [Key Advice When Going on a Protest](#)
- [Know Your Rights](#) booklet
- [2 minute Know Your Rights video](#) (Netpol)
- [Stop and Search](#)
- [Being Trans and Protesting](#)
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- [Looking after your health on actions](#)
- [Trauma and Emotional Support](#)

Arrest & Court

- [What happens if I'm Arrested?](#)
- [I've been Arrested! What Next?](#)
- [Should I ignore Police Bail?](#)
- [The Post-Charge Legal Process](#)

Other Considerations

- [DBS checks and being arrested on protests](#)
- [Demonstrations and International Students](#)
- [Do you have to give your fingerprints to police?](#) (Freedom Press)
- [Info on immigration status and protest](#) (JCWI)
- [Coronavirus and protest](#)
- [Wearing masks on protest](#) (Netpol)
- [Your Rights and Mobile Fingerprinting](#) (Netpol)

Supporting Others

- [How to give Police Station Support](#)
- [My Friend has been Arrested!](#)
- [Support for People going to Court](#)
- [What is a Legal Observer?](#)
- [Witness to an Arrest or Police Violence?](#)
- [Guide to filming the police](#) (Netpol)
- [Downloadable Know Your Rights graphics](#)

Organising an Action



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- [Planning an Action](#)
- [Preparing for Police Station Support in Advance](#)
- [Protesting on Private Property](#)
- [Guide to Injunctions](#)
- [‘Know Your Rights’ Mic Check](#)

Protest Laws

- [Filming and Photographs at Actions](#)
- [Laws Commonly Used at Protests](#)
- [Obstructing Workplaces: Trade Union Legislation](#)
- [Police Liaison Officers](#)
- [Guide to kettles](#) (Netpol)
- [Guide to the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#)
- [Guide to the new Public Order Act 2023](#)

Challenging the Police

- [Holding the Police to Account](#)
- [How do I find out what Information the Police hold on me?](#)
- [Making a Claim Against the Police](#)
- [Making a Complaint Against the Police](#)
- [What is a Judicial Review?](#)

Resources

We have a number of **graphics** that are useful for **social media** etc:

[Downloadable ZIP folder of all of our graphics and resources](#)





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2. No Personal Details

Officers may try to get personal details. You are not legally required to give details, even in a stop and search, unless a specific power is used or a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued.

3. Under What Power?

If police ask you to do something, ask them if you are legally obliged to answer and **'under what power'**? If you aren't obliged or they don't answer, you don't have to do it.

4. No Duty Solicitor

If arrested, do not use the solicitor on duty but get a lawyer experienced in protest law – in London, use any of HIK, Bindmans, ITN or Commons Legal. We also recommend that you phone or inform GBC from the police station with your 'one call' – 07946 541 511!

5. No Caution

Police often try to get people to accept a **caution**, which goes on criminal records. We recommend not accepting one unless a good lawyer recommends it. If you're offered one, it's because the police want you to take it – they are not doing you a favour.

More info

On our website:
www.greenandblackcross.org
Our protest support line:
07946 541 511

Write it on your arm, phone us with questions or if you see an arrest, from a police station, or after you are arrested.

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- 3. **Under What Power?**: If you are **ARRESTED**, ask the police what power they are using.

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YOU ARE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO GIVE DETAILS, EVEN IN A **STOP AND SEARCH**. PRESS A **STOP** CARD IF YOU ARE ASKED FOR DETAILS.

UNDER WHAT POWER?

IF POLICE ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING, ASK THEM IF YOU ARE LEGALLY OBLIGED TO. - AND - IF YOU AREN'T OBLIGED, THEY CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO IT.

NO DUTY SOLICITOR

IF YOU AREN'T OBLIGED TO DO SOMETHING, THEY CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO IT.

OUR PROTEST SUPPORT LINE

WRITE IT ON YOUR SIGN: **07766 244 000**

MORE INFO:

www.protestsupportline.co.uk

CAUTION

WHICH IS AN ALLEGATION OF ASSAULT

WE RECOMMEND NOT ACCEPTING ONE UNLESS A **CRIMINAL LAWYER** IS PRESENT.

IF YOU ARE INTERVIEWED, IT'S BECAUSE THE POLICE BELIEVE YOU TO HAVE IT - THEY ARE NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE.

We have a page of **BUSTCARDS** for different regions of England

- **07946 541 511** – protest support line. *Everyone should also write this on their arm, ideally in marker pen.*
- 07761 911121 – Manchester protest support line
- Need a lawyer for something protest related? Check out [Netpol's Lawyer's list](#)
- Black Protest Legal Support – BlackProtestLegal@protonmail.com
- Legal questions and court support – Activist Court Aid Brigade, courtsupport@protonmail.com
- Contact GBC Resources collective – gbcresources@protonmail.com
- Contact GBC Trainings collective – gbctrainings@protonmail.com
- Legal Observer callouts and coordination – legal-observer-network@protonmail.com
- Y-Stop for non-protest Stop and Searches – <https://y-stop.org/>
- London Campaign Against Police and State Violence – <https://londonagainstopoliceviolence.wordpress.com>