



## BPLS Bustcard

### CAN I PROTEST UNDER CORONAVIRUS REGULATIONS?

Current Coronavirus Regulations ban gatherings of more than six people from different households. Be aware of this if attending a protest and practice social distancing and wear a mask.

### DO I HAVE TO ANSWER POLICE QUESTIONS?

If you're stopped by police, normally you don't have to tell them your name, what you are doing or where you are going. Bear in mind that some police have used refusal to answer questions as reason to believe you are breaching coronavirus rules.

### CAN POLICE ARREST ME?

If you're gathering in a group of more than six, the police have the power to ask you to disperse or return home, and **YOU COULD BE ARRESTED OR FINED** if you don't. Police should give you the chance to go home voluntarily.



This information was accurate as of 3 June 2020. The regulations are reviewed regularly and may change.

### IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

Before arrest, the police should explain that you're being arrested, what offence you're being arrested for, and why the arrest is necessary.

If you're arrested, say **"NO COMMENT"** to all questions, including "chats" from police until you have free advice from a solicitor with special knowledge about protests. Don't accept a caution without advice.

### SOLICITORS OFFERING FREE 24-HOUR ADVICE:

**ITN SOLICITORS:** 0203 909 9100

**COMMINS:** 020 3666 5403

**HODGE JONES ALLEN (HJA):** 0844 848 0222

**BINDMANS:** 020 7305 5438

You have the right to tell someone about your arrest, an interpreter if English is not your first language, and an appropriate adult if you are under 18 or a vulnerable person.

For protest support:

[blackandgreenhelp@protonmail.com](mailto:blackandgreenhelp@protonmail.com) / 0203 979434699 / [osarttsupport@protonmail.com](mailto:osarttsupport@protonmail.com)

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