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.

These guides are about protest law as it is enacted in England and Wales. Please scroll down for guides in other jurisdicstions, such as Northern Ireland

> **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
- 2 minute Know Your Rights video (Netpol)
- Stop and Search
- Key Advice When Going to a Counter Protest Against the Far Right
- Being Trans and Protesting
- Looking after your health on actions
- Trauma and Emotional Support

Arrest & Court

- What happens if I'm Arrested?
- I've been Arrested! What Next?
- All About 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)
- Info on arrest and immigration status (in-depth) (Informed Dissent)
- Advice when attending counters for far right actions
- 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

- Planning an Action
- Preparing for Police Station Support in Advance
- Protesting on Private Property
- Guide to Injunctions
- 'Know Your Rights' Mic Check

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Protest Laws

- Laws Commonly Used at Protests
- Filming and Photographs at Actions
- 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
- Guide to the Crime and Policing Act 2026

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?

Briefings

- University encampments
- Disrupting a public meeting
- Disrupting a private meeting

Legislation in Other Jurisdictions

- Know Your Rights to Protest (Northern Ireland)

Resources

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







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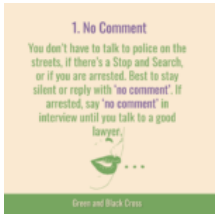

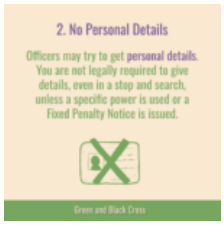

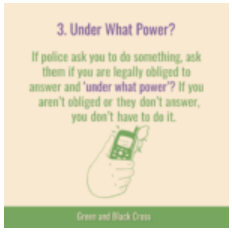

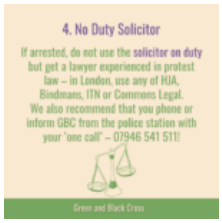

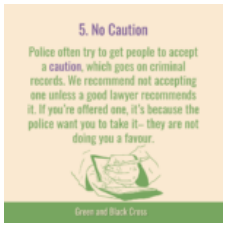

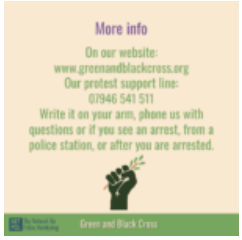

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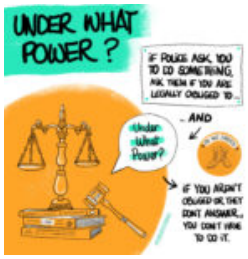







Bustcards

We have a page of BUSTCARDS for different regions of England

Key contacts for other organisations

- **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://londonagainstpoliceviolence.wordpress.com**