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(Call each line – the crowd should repeat each one after you. Call ‘Mic check!’ at the beginning until you get a response and people work out what’s going on.)

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Mic check!

Know your rights!

If police talk to you
No matter the question
Protect yourself
Protect other people
Say ‘No Comment’
The police officers in blue tabards are also police officers.
Their job is to gain information about protestors.
Say ‘No Comment!’
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If police tell you to do something
Check they’re acting lawfully
Ask ‘Under What Power?’
‘Under What Power?’
‘Under What Power?’

If you get stop and searched
Don’t give police personal details
This includes your visa status
No personal details!
No personal details!

An exception is
If you get arrested
Many people
Give their name, address and date of birth
At the custody desk.

If you get arrested
Ask for a solicitor
On the bustcard
For example
Call ITN
Or call HJA
Or call Bindmans.*

Don’t accept a caution
That’s saying you’re guilty
It’s an easy win for the police
You might not get found guilty later
No caution!
No caution!

If you get arrested
Call the Protest Support Line number
It’s on the bustcard.
Write this on your arm.

Protect yourself
Protect other people
No comment!
No comment!

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***If you’re outside of London look at the bustcard for your region to check what lawyers to recommend. If you’re not sure say the ones listed here anyways.**