

If arrested: Don't panic.

- You're not alone and it's not the end of the world!
- Say "**no comment**" to ALL police questions. Even during 'casual chats'. Whatever police say, there is **no legal requirement to talk to them.**

• You have the right to free legal advice at the police station. **Avoid the duty solicitor.** We recommend:

KELLYS (BRIGHTON) : 01273 674898

- You also have the right to have someone else told you've been arrested. We suggest you use this to **contact us** so we can arrange support:

SAM ELLIOT (BDS) : 07510 283424

..and remember to let us know when you're released!

- You have the right to know why you're being arrested
- You don't have to give your details, but without a verifiable name + address you may get held longer.
- You will be searched and police are entitled to take photos, fingerprints and a DNA sample (using "reasonable" force if you don't comply).
- If you have any injuries, ask for an **independent doctor to record** and photograph them.
- You have the right to **read your rights** while in the police station – ask for the "PACE code of practice".
- You have a **right to an interpreter** if English is not your first language.
- If you are **under 18** (or appear to be):
 - an "**appropriate adult**" should be called
 - you can't be interviewed without that person there
 - if the police can't contact a relative or carer, they may call the local Youth Offending Team (YOT), which can cause problems with social services
 - ongoing legal advice is **always free** ('legal aid')
 - if referred to a YOT, get legal advice from Kellys

Learn about the law. Know your rights. See: bristolabc.wordpress.com/defendant-solidarity

Legal Info for Demos:

- There are no "friendly" chats with the police. **They cannot be trusted. Avoid talking to them;** everything you say can be used as evidence or intelligence against you or others.
- If searched ('stop and search'):
 - you **don't have to answer questions**
 - you **don't have to give details** - unless driving (name, address + DOB), or if police "reasonably believe" you have committed "antisocial behaviour" (name + address).
 - you have the right to know the name of the cop searching you, their **reason** and what **law** ('search power') they are using.
- Police can demand removal of masks, but **only** if a section 60/60AA order is in place.
- **See an arrest?** Write down the details and call us. Be careful what you say on the phone; we can arrange to meet in person. **Don't publish anything online without the arrested person's consent.**

Better safe than sorry - write this on your arm:
Bristol Defendant Solidarity - 07510 283424
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