

DEALING WITH POLICE

What can the Police do?

Give you a fine



Tell you to leave a venue or move on from an area

Tell you to keep the noise down



Take your phone



*Your phone may have evidence on it that the Police need. They will return it when they've finished (but this will be at least a few weeks' time)

Search you

*If they reasonably suspect you have:

- drugs
- explosives
- weapons
- graffiti tools

If the Police arrest you...



Stay calm. Remain polite.
You must give your name, age and address if you are arrested.

Be polite.
Give your name

*Sometimes you need to give more information:

- + your address (if driving a car or on public transport).
- + your age (if a pub or club).
- + if you have illegal drugs on you, you will need to tell the Police who gave them to you.



If you are under 17 years...
Police must arrange for you to have an adult present when they ask you questions.



If you are under 18 years...
and you admit to doing something wrong, the Police can give you a caution or Community Conference.



Speak to a lawyer before saying anything else or giving a video interview.

*You have up to 6 months to make a formal complaint against the Police.

You have the right to silence.
This means saying nothing more than your name, age and address.

*If you are not sure if you are under arrest, just ask.

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