

READY FOR RAIDS

PREPARE FOR SEARCH, SEIZURE AND ARREST

Familiarise yourself with this leaflet, and plan what you will do as an individual if the police come knocking.

Bear in mind: destroying documents or deleting digital data could be perverting the course of justice and obstructing a police officer.

NO SPACE IS SAFE FROM THE POLICE

Police officers can **force entry** into premises without a warrant where they have **reasonable grounds** to believe that someone who has committed an indictable (serious) offence is inside, in order to **arrest them and seize evidence** under **Section 17** of PACE (an act which governs search, seizure, and arrest).

They can also enter if they have a signed warrant under **Section 8** of PACE.

If the police have arrested someone for an indictable offence, they can search the arrestee and the premises where they were or had control over under **Section 32** of PACE.

Finally, the police can search premises an arrestee had some control over if they committed an indictable offence under **Section 18** of PACE. Usually, this will be authorised by a senior officer.

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REMEMBER:

R

Is for **React**. If you turn devices completely off after use it makes them harder for anyone else to access. Grab this leaflet and head towards the door to find out:

A

Is for **Authorisation**. Check that any warrant is signed and dated in the past, and that the **address is correct**. If the police are entering without a warrant, check what power authorises them to do so

I

Is for **Identify**. Identify police shoulder or warrant numbers and the items they seize (write a list!). Ensure you ask for a **receipt** and keep it safe. You may not get your stuff back but this gives you the best chance

D

Is for **Departure**. You or others may be leaving the premises in the back of a police van. Make sure any arrestees are given a **bustcard** and that you call the XR Back Office

S

Is for **Search Record**. Make sure you get a copy, and find out the contact details of the officer who can authorise return of items (the officer may not be present)

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