

SW ENGLAND - ADVICE ON ARREST Feb 2023

Say “**NO COMMENT**” to all questions during casual talk, ‘booking in’, and police interviews. When you get to the police station, you may wish to give your name, address and date of birth to speed up your release. For your own safety & protection and for that of other people, don’t answer any further questions.

You have the right to **FREE LEGAL ADVICE** at the police station.

Duty solicitors are often not protest specialists, so we recommend you ask the police to contact one of the following law firms for **FREE LEGAL ADVICE**: These London firms have agreed to provide a local agent to act on their behalf

EFBW - 0207 790 4032

ITN – 0203 909 8100

Do **NOT** accept a **CAUTION** without advice from one of the firms listed above. A caution is an admission of guilt and goes on the police national computer.

You have the right to have someone informed of your arrest. Make this the XR Back Office (unless otherwise arranged): **07749 335574**

You are also entitled to an interpreter if English is not your first language. If you are or appear to be under 18, an appropriate adult should be called.

Contact xr.sw.arresteesupport@protonmail for local advice

LEGAL QUESTIONS?

If you witness an arrest, want support, have any legal questions about protest or if you have been arrested at an XR action, contact:

xr-legal@riseup.net

07749 335574

Legal Observers are independent volunteers who gather evidence on behalf of protestors and act to counter police intimidation and misconduct. Read more about your rights and protest legislation at:

www.informeddissent.info

www.greenandblackcross.org

STOP AND SEARCH: You do not have to give any personal details (name, address etc.) under any stop and search power. Please see the above websites for more details. Legally, you must be told the reason for the search and the power under which you are being searched. Ask the police **“Under What Power?”** if they want to search you or if they ask you to do anything else.

Please fill this online form in after your release so that we can offer you Post-Arrest

Support: <https://arrestwatch.info/pss>

For ongoing support following arrest: xr-arrestwelfare@protonmail.com