

CORONAVIRUS POLICE POWERS

NPMP WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW THE POLICE WILL ENFORCE THE NEW POWERS BUT OUR ADVICE, FOR NOW, IS:

If you are stopped by the police whilst outside, explain clearly why you are outside. Remember, you must have a *reasonable excuse* to leave the house. This might include to: i) shop for essentials, ii) exercise once a day, iii) travel for work if you can't work from home, iv) and attend to medical need, including to care for vulnerable people. But this list is non-exhaustive. The important thing is that you must have a reasonable excuse.

If you see someone (particularly a young person) you believe to be breaking the above rules, please think twice about reporting them to the police. There are any number of reasons why someone might be outside, including because their home is unsafe or because they have no home.

If the police deem that you are committing an offence by violating the conditions of the lockdown, be aware that they can issue you with a fixed-penalty notice or arrest you. If you're arrested, seek legal advice before accepting a caution. A caution is an admission of guilt.

If a police, immigration, or health official tries to direct and remove you to a suitable place for screening and/or detains you on the basis that they suspect you are infectious, you are advised that it is an offence not to comply. Ask what reasonable grounds they have to suspect you are infectious and always keep copies of any paperwork.

Check out our FAQs at: www.npmp.co.uk

NPMP IS NOT A LEGAL FIRM. PLEASE TAKE ADVICE FROM A LAWYER IF YOU BELIEVE THE POLICE HAVE ACTED UNFAIRLY OR UNLAWFULLY. WE CAN SIGNPOST YOU TO A LAWYER. THIS INFORMATION IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.



REPORT INTERACTIONS WITH THE POLICE TO:

whopolicesthepolice@gmail.com

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E: www.npmp.co.uk**

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS:

**Kids of Colour; Netpol;
Racial Justice Network;
Sisters Uncut (national and regional groups); London Campaign Against Police and State Violence; Liberty; The Monitoring Group; Green and Black Cross; Big Brother Watch; StopWatch**