

Legal advice and bust card for October swoop

This is the short A4 version of the bust card. The normal printed bust cards will be produced **but distribution may be problematic so don't rely on receiving them**. The bust cards cover what to do if arrested and what to do if stopped and searched. There is some additional information about what to do afterwards.

The key points about arrests are:

- **You can decline to give your name and address until you reach the custody desk** (and later if you wish) and this is recommended.
- There is no need to give your DOB or your nicknames or any other personal information – so don't. Obviously it is best to bring nothing with such information on with you.
- **Remember there is no such thing as a friendly chat with the police so don't chat and make 'no comment' until you have taken legal advice. NO CHAT & NO COMMENT.**
- It is best not to acknowledge other activists arrested by name or at all.
- Remember to **write the contact details for Kieran Clarke and Arrestee Support on your arm or leg**.
- We recommend you use the Arrestee Support line as the person you wish to have informed of your arrest and tell the custody officer that they can talk to Arrestee Support about your situation.
- Details of your main rights on arrest and in custody are in the bust card – so read it. Do not assume you will not get arrested – come prepared.

The key points about searches are:

- No search power gives the police the power to require you to give your name and address (or DOB, ethnicity or signature). It undermines others to give it – so don't, if you don't have to. It helps not to have brought anything with your personal details on with you.
- There are only limited circumstances when the police have a power to arrest you for failing to disclose your name and address. The main one is if you are a driver of a motor vehicle on the road, when you also need to give your DOB. They can arrest you if you fail to give your name and address if asked if they suspect you of anti social behaviour or of any offence.

Remember the police can use reasonable force in some circumstances and what they think is reasonable may actually be excessive. Kettling lives on – so bring water and food supplies and emergency toilet provision.

More generally, the police tend to be complete bastards on the day following the action so do not relax.

REMEMBER NO CHAT & NO COMMENT.

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