

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



"NO COMMENT!"

SCALP's wee guide to Scots law

You do NOT have to give the police ANY information UNLESS you are suspected of committing or witnessing a named crime, or are driving a vehicle. Even then you ONLY have to give these 5 details:

Say "no comment" to all other police questions.

- name
- address
- place & date of birth
- nationality

"UNDER WHAT POWER?"

Ask if you are legally required to do what they tell you. Ask what power (law) they are operating under & take a note.

STOP + SEARCH

During a search, you do not have to answer any questions or give any personal details: 'No Comment!'

No Details

What are they searching for? Police can only search your possessions, conduct a 'pat down search' and remove outer clothing or something that conceals your identity.

Item

You must be told the reason & power (law) you are being searched under - if you fit a description, what is it? Get a paper receipt of your search.

Power

If you see a stop and search in the street, film the cops, not the person being searched.

Get the officers' badge number and if plain-clothed, ask for a warrant

Police often rely on their uniforms and us not knowing their powers. Knowing your legal rights is a way to challenge police behaviour and keep yourself and your community safer.



Police 'Liaison' Officers are here to gather intelligence on you and other protestors: don't talk to them!

If you're organising an event or protest, and want to talk about legal support, get in touch!

- Legal Observing
- Legal Back Office
- Know-Your-Rights training
- Support for arrestees and defendants
- Friendly guidance and help for your group's legal support
- Resistance to police repression

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The Scottish Community & Activist Legal Project is a mutual aid collective providing legal support in Scotland. Get involved, ask questions or read more at scalp.org.uk

We keep us safe!