

HAVE YOU BEEN CRIMINALISED FOR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

For example, you have been told by a police officer or private security to leave your tent and/or remove your belongings, or you have been issued with a 'Community Protection Notice', or told that you were committing 'anti-social behaviour'. Remember – **you have rights:**

If you are being asked to leave or remove your belongings, you can **ask for in writing:**

- **Under what legal power** are they asking you to leave / remove your belongings? Ask them to provide any relevant court documents (remember to **keep any and all paperwork** that you are given)
- **What are their details:** their name, organisation they belong to and whose direction are they acting under

If you are stopped and questioned by the police, you have the right NOT to respond, unless you are engaging in “anti-social” behaviour (causing, or likely to cause “harassment, alarm or distress”).

You are NOT legally required to share your nationality or immigration status when arrested, although police may check this if they suspect you are not a British citizen.

I KNOW MY RIGHTS:

Article 3 ECHR: I have the right not to be subjected to inhuman or degrading treatment.

Article 8 ECHR: I have the right to a private and home life.

Article 14 ECHR: I have the right to enjoy my rights without discrimination on any ground such as race, religion or homelessness.

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