

IN THE EVENT OF AN ARREST

1. We do not intend for people to be arrested.  
These are precautionary notes.
2. IF AN ARREST HAPPENS:
  - a) Tell the LEGAL OBSERVERS - they will be wearing armbands.  
Make sure they know what is happening.
  - b) Ask WHY you're being arrested; you're entitled to know.
  - c) CALL OUT YOUR NAME so that other people know who has been arrested.
  - d) Make a note of the ARRESTING OFFICER'S NUMBER.
  - e) Try to keep CALM - if the Police are hurting you, shout and let someone know.
  - f) IF YOU SEE SOMEONE ELSE ARRESTED: try to get their name and give it to an observer. Give your name as well as a potential witness.
3. AT THE POLICE STATION:
  - a) Give the Police your NAME & ADDRESS.
  - b) You do NOT have to answer any other questions.
  - c) You are entitled to ONE PHONE CALL (unless they say "this hinders the investigation").
  - d) TO GET A LAWYER, PHONE: \*\*\*\*\*  
\* 633 - 7206 \*  
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(until 9pm)  
After 9pm, phone Gay Switchboard: 837 7324  
WRITE THESE NUMBERS ON YOUR HAND. You are entitled to see a lawyer (unless, they say, "this hinders the investigation").
  - e) THE POLICE HAVE NO RIGHT TO:  
Photograph you or take your fingerprints without an order from a Magistrate.
  - f) You can see an independent DOCTOR if you want to.
  - g) You have a right to PEN & PAPER in your cell.
  - h) DO NOT SIGN A CAUTION just to get a quick release from custody. A signed caution is an admission of guilt which, although not as serious as a conviction, can still be held against you in the future.
4. WHEN YOU'RE RELEASED:

There should be OBSERVERS outside the Police Station. Give them your details and they will help arrange legal assistance. If you don't see anyone there when you come out of the Police Station, there will be a meeting for those arrested. Listen for announcements at the events in Jubilee Gardens or contact GALOP as soon as possible at 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP - tel: 01-278 6215.

WRITE DOWN EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED as soon as possible.
5. GALOP can:
  - \* Help you defend yourself in Court;
  - \* Help you make a complaint against the Police;
  - \* Advise you about compensation if you're injured;
  - \* Offer support to those facing the ordeal of a trial;
  - \* And even organise legal cover and observers for Lesbian & Gay demonstrations.



Welcome to the back of the Advice Sheet: this sheet is brought to you by GALOP, the Gay London Police Monitoring Group. GALOP has been in existence for 3 years and looks at how London's Police Forces police London's gay men (LESPOP - see below - looks at the policing of lesbians). GALOP wants to hear about what happens whenever gay men come into conflict/contact with the Police.



# GALOP



As gay men, we know that we are more likely than most to have conflict with the Police. In this past year we have seen:

- \* Police raids on our pubs, our clubs and our bookshops;
- \* Entrapment and indiscriminate arrests of gay men;
- \* Police refusal to protect us.

But we are not the only group under attack. In this past year we have also seen:

- \* The criminalisation of the government's opponents - whether anti-nuclear campaigners or miners defending jobs and communities;
- \* The repeated Police refusal to protect Asians from fascist attacks: instead Asians forced to defend their own communities have themselves been arrested;
- \* Police brutality against men, women and children trying to attend the annual summer solstice celebration at Stonehenge.

These events are part of a new strategy of policing. In this past year we have seen:

- \* The Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984 give the Police much greater powers;
- \* The Prevention of Terrorism Act extended;
- \* Commissioner Newman's strategy of "targetting and surveillance" increasingly applied - to lesbians and gay men amongst others;
- \* Telephone tapping become commonplace;
- \* A National Police Force become reality.

No attempt is now made to disguise the central role of the Police and Courts in strike-breaking and defending ruling-class interests. In fact, the Police continue to beat the shit out of anyone they want.

Gay people cannot resist these repressive forces on their own. GALOP welcomes the presence of miners and people from their communities marching in solidarity today. This has come about because of the support given by many lesbians and gay men to the miners during their continuing fight. GALOP believes that such links between gay people and the miners, Newham 7, anti-apartheid and other groups sharing in the common struggle are essential.

This march today is being watched, videoed and photographed by the Police. Anyone who is brave enough to show their pride in being lesbian or gay shouldn't be surprised if they come into contact with the Police. So, whether it's the Police entrapping and arresting you; whether it's you being 'queerbashed' and the Police seeming more interested in what you do in bed than catching your attackers; or even if it's the Police actually being helpful, tell GALOP about it.....

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