

Will I be contained?

Some websites that offer advice about how to protest often speak of “kettling”. Containment, as “kettling” is properly known, is a tactic the police only use when there has been serious criminality, or we fear an immediate threat of harm to people or property. It cannot be used as a tool to dissuade people from protesting.

However, officers may put in cordons to close streets, to allow us to respond to an incident or to ensure safety of public or officers. If you’re not sure if you can go down a particular way, please ask an officer.



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*Youth Strike
for Climate*

Friday 20th September

How do I stay safe?

The safety and security of all Londoners, and visitors to London, is our primary role. This protest is an entirely public event and with several thousand people there it can be busy and daunting. Please consider the following to maximise your safety

- Travel in groups, and agree beforehand where you will meet up in the event of being separated
- Ensure your phones are fully charged and have credit. Communication by text message may be more reliable than social media so please ensure you have your friends phone numbers.
- If you lose your phone do you know key contact numbers?
- Look at the weather forecast for the day and make sure you are dressed appropriately and have means to have a drink.
- If you are lost, concerned for another's welfare or are uncomfortable with the behaviour of anyone please approach any police officer.

Did you know? You can ask for police via twitter @MetCC. Hate crimes can be reported anonymously at report-it.org.uk. On the railway or tube? Text BTP on 61016

Is protest illegal?

Protest is a right enshrined in law– you have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Combined, they make up the right to protest. **Protest is lawful activity.**

However, any behaviour or activity that would be illegal in normal circumstances is illegal at a protest.

There will be police officers at the protest. They may be wearing blue or yellow jackets and all will be happy to talk to you.

We have to balance your right to protest against the rights of Londoners to carry on their usual activities. If we think there might be serious disruption caused by the protest, we may impose conditions on how long or where protest takes place. If this happens, we will let you know through @MetPoliceEvents, and we'll ask our officers to tell you. It's important you comply by conditions for you might commit an offence if you don't.

You'll be able to ask us questions on Twitter @MetPoliceEvents on the day