

Coronavirus Restrictions & Police Powers: Know Your Rights.

Under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020, you are permitted to:

- go out to help other people get food and essential items. Reg. 6(2)(a)
- go out for exercise alone or with someone you live with (there is NO LEGAL RESTRICTION on the duration of that exercise). Reg. 6(2)(b)
- go out to access critical public services, e.g. childcare, social services, DWP, victim support services. Reg. 6 (2)(i)
- leave your house "to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm". Reg. 6 (2)(m)
- be in groups of more than two in public if you're all from the same household. Reg. 7(a)
- be in groups of more than two in public if it is "reasonably" necessary to "provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person". Reg. 7(a)(iii)

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KEY QUESTION:

“Which regulation am I violating?”

Under regulation 6, the police can compel you to return home if they consider you to be outside without a “reasonable excuse”. Familiarise yourself with the section of reg. 6 that relates to what you are doing.

BYSTANDERS:

If somebody is being unfairly targeted, help them! Record video, stand where they (& the police) can see you, ask what rules they've broken. Remember to stay safe & practice social distancing.

If you get issued with a fixed penalty notice under any of these regulations, Regulation 10 stipulates that:

- it has to be £60 (if it's your 1st one)
- they have to give you 28 days to pay it

READ THE REGULATIONS: <https://tinyurl.com/CovidCops>

FIND A SOLICITOR: <https://tinyurl.com/NetpolSolicitors>

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