Considering an Arrest

There is no such thing as an 'unarrestable offence'. This is something we should all know when participating in a protest. But, as we also know, knowledge is power. Being well equipped with the knowledge of your rights and duties in regards to yourself and others you will be better off than going into a possibly 'arrestable' situation blind.

Implications of arrest

When considering arrest it is important to think very carefully about the implications arrest can have on your future. Please review the below pages where the most likely, and most serious, implications are highlighted.

- Financial Implications
- Travelling
- Immigration Implications
  - more detailed information here
- DBS checks

Multiple arrests

If you have already been arrested you might be wondering what the impact of another arrest will be, so this guide provides more information.

Process of arrest

The process that may start with arrest is neither simple nor short. This is one of the reasons it is so important to consider the implications of arrest before committing to an arrestable action.

- Arrest flowchart
- The arrest process in detail

Serious Disruption Prevention Orders

A serious disruption prevention order (SDPO) is a new order which allows courts to place requirements or restrictions on an individual which the court considers necessary to prevent serious disruption.

- Guide on SDPOs

Under 18s and vulnerable adults

If you are under 18, considered a vulnerable adult, or have any learning disabilities or mental health conditions then you might require an appropriate adult during your time in custody. More information here.

Regional Arrest Support coordinators

Regional XR Arrestee Support Coordinators encourage and support rebels in their regions and within associated XR groupings, to embed Arrestee Support into Action Planning. We aim to prepare local rebels whose activities may risk arrest and to help to keep rebels safe and looked after when they are detained and charged. While activities of Regional Arrestee Support Coordinators vary across regions and within associated groupings, typically, we:

- Contribute to the development of regional arrestee support via communication with Regional Anchor Circles.
- Facilitate local group rebels' awareness of their rights to protest and their rights when arrested, including by sharing information about relevant legal changes.
- Signpost local rebels to useful training opportunities and to post-arrest support, including providing information about accessing financial legal support.

During national Rebellions, some regions provide a "Back Office" helpline that keeps track of arrestees and organises local police station support volunteers to meet arrestees upon release, providing practical and psychological support. Often, Regional Arrestee Support Coordinators will supply and distribute printed "bust cards" and other information at national, regional, or local actions. Some Regional Coordinators arrange and provide Court Support for rebels prosecuted within their regions. Alternatively, CASP can provide XR Back Office support, please speak to your ALS representative to have this arranged.

Regional Arrestee Support Coordinators often also serve as or meet with local Arrestee Support contacts to share learnings and coordinate Arrestee Support across regions. We have direct links to several parts of the central XR Arrestee Support apparatus and regularly contribute to Arrestee & Legal Support meetings and projects. So, if a rebel has an urgent question or concern about some aspect of Arrestee Support and can't get an answer, we can usually track down the information you need or connect you with someone who will assist you. We meet monthly to share updates, exchange ideas and fast track regional queries.

To contact your Regional Arrest Support Coordinator, email als+regionalcoords@extinctionrebellion.uk. Please say which region you are in.
