



Everyone has a right to be in a public space
-Know your Rights!

Police can ask for your name and address:

If they believe that you have or are about to commit a crime

If they believe that you can assist them with an indictable offence, such as an assault in the near by area.

You can ask Police:

Why they are questioning you.

You can ask them for their names, rank, station and number if they are questioning you.

When am I breaking the law?

You may be charged with Offensive Behavior or Willful and Obscene Behavior if you are caught showing your

cock, arse or participating in visible sexual activity in a public space, including within a toilet cubicle with the door open.

If at the time of questioning you are found to be giving the incorrect name and/or address

If you fail to supply police with your name and address

When am I not breaking the law?

You are not breaking the law if you are participating in a sexual act behind a closed and locked toilet cubicle door.

If the activity can not be seen without the observer taking abnormal action to observe it, such as looking under or over a toilet cubicle wall.



Do I have to answer any questions that the police ask me?

No, you have the right to remain silent. You do have to give your name and address and you have the right to speak with a lawyer.

Remember that anything you say can be used against you. Many people are charged only because of what they admit during police questioning.

You reduce your rights when:

You cruise beats in a motor vehicle or bicycle. You are subject to the Road Safety Act 1986 - part 6 -Offences and Legal Proceedings. You are best to stay clear of your vehicle until the Police have left the beat.

Do I only need to be aware of Police presence?

No, any private person, security guard or park

ranger can arrest you. They can only do so if they have proof of you breaking the law. Police may arrest you if they suspect you of breaking the law.

Looking after yourself

Take condoms and water-based lube with you to enjoy anal sex.

Know your surroundings, you may need a quick exit or escape route or well lit areas. It always pays to do a walk

through before you start actively cruising.

Be discreet when you are having sex. Most police presence at beats are as a result of community complaints which they are obliged to respond to.

Be aware of the legal consequences of sex in a public space.

Stay away from anyone that is behaving strangely even if you think that they are your type.

Consider learning self-defence.

If you see someone in trouble attempt to help them without putting yourself at risk. Sometimes this may be best done by alerting other people to the situation.

Sometimes beats attract attention to themselves through the incidental damage caused to surrounding vegetation. Be careful not to damage trees, roots and shrubs

when you are cruising a beat.

The more we can take care with beats, the less likely it is that authorities or others will object to our using them for cruising and/or sex.

Further Information

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