DIGITAL POLICING

STAY SAFE



WHAT IS DIGITAL POLICING?

Digital Policing: Surveillance using technology like facial recognition, drones and metal detector knife arches to track and profile individuals. This invades the privacy of already over-policed Black communities in public spaces.

Live Facial Recognition Technology (FRT): Biometric surveillance which converts faces into tracking IDs to monitor and target people. More inaccurate with darker skinned people, impacting Black communities most.

Knife Arches: Walk-through metal detectors designed to identify weapons such as knives. They bring prison-style policing onto our streets.

WAYS TO RESIST:

Protect yourself

Wear a face covering and avoid facial recognition points or Metal Detector arches when police provide no legal grounds.

Know your rights

Declining facial recognition is not grounds for suspicion. Metal detector searches require the same legal justification as any other search.

Stay connected

Post sightings of facial recognition vans on social media so others can avoid them.

Take action

A false match by facial recognition can be grounds for legal action.

BLAM UK is a community based non profit that challenges anti-Blackness in Britain

** Biometric refers to the measurement and analysis of a person's unique physical or behavioural characteristics, such as their face, fingerprints or voice.*

IF POLICE STOP OR ARREST YOU



STOPPED?

- **STAY CALM:** Request officer's name, station, and the legal power used for the search.
- **STAY SILENT**: "**NO COMMENT**" to every question until you have a lawyer.
- **NO CAUTIONS:** Do not sign or agree to a caution without legal advice.
- **PUBLIC SEARCH:** They can only force you to remove **J-O-G** (Jacket, Outercoat, Gloves) in public.



ARRESTED?

- **YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:** a **phone call**, a **free solicitor,** an **interpreter** (if English is limited) and **appropriate adult** (if under 18/vulnerable).

REPORT FACIAL RECOGNITION AND PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

- The **Information Commissioner's Office** (ICO): **0303 123 1113**. This is the UK's independent watchdog responsible for enforcing data protection and information rights law. You can contact them if you think the police used your face or other body data unfairly.
- **BLAM UK's AI Accountability team**: ai@blamuk.org. We are team of researchers advocating for more police accountability when using digital surveillance. You can contact us to have your voice heard.

CRIMINAL DEFENCE SOLICITORS OFFERING FREE 24-HOUR ADVICE

ITN SOLICITORS: **0203 909 8100**
HODGE JONES ALLEN (HJA): **0844 848 0222**
COMMONS: **020 3865 5403**
DEXTER HENRY AND CO SOLICITORS: **020 8769 5550**

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18

- An appropriate adult **must** be present.
- Ask for **Just For Kids Law: 020 3174 2279**

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