

BE PREPARED.....

every man woman and child should know these facts.

1. **NEVER, NEVER, NEVER** talk to **POLICE**, no matter how innocent you think you are, **without a solicitor present**

2. Often arrests/invitations are made on a Friday evening or at other time when it is difficult to get solicitor to attend. Don't listen to off the record comments like 'if you want solicitor we may have to keep you overnight as can't get now.....' this is bull.....even if not, **a night in a cell is worth not spending time in prison on a false charge or allegation.** What you say can and will be used against you even if it is used out of context. Keep answers short and precise there are an estimated 5,000 innocent people in UK prisons.

3. If you are arrested you **MUST** be told full reason....disclosure, at earliest possible.

4. **BEFORE** answering questions make sure your solicitor and you have been given full disclosure of the reason for your arrest. You will be arrested, as you cannot be interviewed otherwise so don't let this phase you.

5. If you are placed in a cell you have the right to a copy of PACE and/or a Bible or Koran and a pencil and paper if you want to make notes ready for your solicitor. The best thing to do is get your head down and go to sleep until your solicitor arrives.

6. Answer questions directly, short and precise, do not elaborate, do not let them keep asking same questions in different format. Do not lose your temper or get angry..it does not help you.

7. Do not be intimidated, they have a job to do but are also intent on a conviction, not necessarily on hearing the truth.

8. As soon as possible after it is important that you ensure that you obtain the services of a solicitor who has experience of cases similar to yours. Many duty solicitors are junior and often have no Criminal law experience.

9. To get a suitable solicitor contact help organisations such as MOJO, FASO, FACT, PAFFA, BMF, Liberty etc.