



Key to chart

- Method of action: Defines what is your way to achieve by action
- Location of action: Defines where the method of action will take place
- Legal terms: The legal ground used to define an action or event
- Decision point: Decision points are used to navigate the protestogram. Usually the question is "yes" or "no" or "don't know". How you answer determines where you go next - so it's important to be sure you are certain about the answer!
- Offences: Offences gives rise to a potential breach of the law, this is defined in the 'offence' box.
- Information/exceptions: Sometimes there are exceptions to the way the law is interpreted. Information/exceptions describes how these exceptions might apply - and what other law you should look to instead.
- Warnings: Some questions which change the legal situation. Where a question cannot be clearly answered, a warning box indicates that you must find out the information before you proceed any further.
- Action arguably OK: If you reach this point there should be no problem - although you will keep monitoring the situation in case police change their mind about pre-emptive action in case police do.
- Possible criminal offence likely: If you reach this point it is possible that arrestable actions are likely to take place for a criminal offence. The preceding 'offence' box will indicate the particular law under which the action is likely.
- Possible civil offence likely: If you reach this point it is possible that arrestable actions are likely to take place for a civil offence. The preceding 'offence' box will indicate the particular law under which the action is likely.
- Fixed Penalty Notice, Penalty Notice for Disorder or Summary Protection Notice: Various types of 'penalty notices' exist which allow a 'protestogram' to be used. PCN's, to issue fees for various types of offences. You must pay in 21 days, or challenge the order by the time the notice is sent for trial - usually in the Magistrates' Court.
- Using 'The Protestagram': The purpose of the Free Range Network's 'Protestagram' is to enable the legal consequences of any planned direct action to be more easily assessed using a flow chart. Select the method of action, and/or the location of action, and then follow the lines - answering the questions as you go. THIS CHART IS NOT MEANT TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROPER LEGAL ADVICE AND RESEARCH. You will still have to undertake the research in detail to prepare your action. Instead, this chart is intended for you to quickly assess what trouble you might get into, and prepare for those consequences by developing a legal case - ideally well in advance of taking action.

'The Protestagram'

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Note: This infographic is valid only for the laws of applying in England and Wales. It is not intended to be a source of definitive legal guidance. Instead it outlines issues and laws which you should seek to study in more detail before planning/carrying out any direct action.