

HOT TOPIC – DECEMBER 2021

HUMAN RIGHTS



Before you read any further, give consideration to what is meant by the term Human Rights, what does it cover and how does legislation protect individuals?

Did you know...?

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. This is the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948.

The UDHR proclaims the rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.



Legislation: as a result of the UDHR there have been legislations developed relevant to England and Wales. The two main pieces which affect UK citizens are the:

- Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA), and
- European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

Consider these basic human rights, what do they mean to you? How would they affect your role as a Police Officer?



Human rights principles underpin every area of police work. From basic probationary training through to senior management courses, officers learn that human rights must sit at the heart of the conception, planning, implementation and control of every aspect of the operations of the police service. Section 3 of the HRA requires that the police must interpret and apply their legislative powers in a manner which is compatible with the ECHR.....

Discussion points.....

Which of the main ECHR articles will affect your role as a Police Officer, and how?

What considerations need to be given to Human Rights and legislation when executing an arrest?

How will Human Rights affect an individual being held in custody?

I would like to know more.....

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/pages/home.aspx>

<https://www.standup4humanrights.org/>

<https://create.kahoot.it/pages/7f83df94-7463-4393-b77a-f908a574c136>

<https://www.humanrights70.org/>

<https://www.reachnotpreach.com/>

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