

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: AGAINST DEPORTATION

**STOP AND SEARCH** -- the police can only search you on the street if they suspect that you are likely to commit an offence or are carrying a weapon. They can arrest you for not giving your name and address only if they suspect you of anti-social behaviour, if you are driving, or if they want to summons you to court for an offence.

**IMMIGRATION OFFICERS** can't just stop you because of how you look. You don't have to answer their questions or show them your ID. You can walk away. Before asking questions, they should tell you your rights: that you don't have to answer questions and are free to go when you want. They must also show you their ID and say why they are stopping you.

**POLICE HAVE BEEN TAKING PASSPORTS OR ID** and refusing to return them unless women produce a ticket back to their home country. You have a right to refuse to give them these documents.

**SOME POLICE ACT ILLEGALLY OR ABUSE THEIR POWERS** for example, by demanding free sex, stealing money or being racist and/or violent. Don't put up with it. Get in touch with us. Corrupt officers must be stopped.

**IF YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL CONVICTION** that resulted in a prison sentence of over 12 months, the Home Office may use this to remove you. You have the right to appeal on human rights grounds.

**IF YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR ASYLUM OR FOR THE RIGHT TO STAY IN THE UK ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS** there is a useful self-help guide available from Legal Action for Women ([www.legalactionforwomen.net](http://www.legalactionforwomen.net))

# RIGHTS OF EU NATIONAL SEX WORKERS

**IF THE POLICE THREATEN YOU WITH DEPORTATION, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:**

**REFUSE TO GIVE THEM YOUR ID AND DOCUMENTS**

**CHALLENGE REMOVAL (DEPORTATION) NOTICES.** You have the right to be in the UK as EU nationals. If the police claim that you are not exercising your "treaty rights" you can appeal against the removal notice by showing evidence that you are either:

- a worker
- self-employed (this includes as a sex worker)
- a jobseeker
- a student (with comprehensive sickness insurance)
- a self-sufficient person (with comprehensive sickness insurance)
- a family member of an EEA national exercising their treaty rights

**RESIST POLICE HARASSMENT.** Tell the police: "I have the right to be here because I am exercising my treaty rights as a self-employed sex worker".

**APPLY FOR A NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER**

**IF YOU GET A DEPORTATION NOTICE,** get in touch with us.



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