

What could I be arrested for?

Here are three potential action scenarios. Read through the scenarios and decide what is the most likely offence you could be arrested for and why:

Scenario 1

You and about fifty others are demonstrating against Hinkley Point nuclear power station. You have created a blockade in the road and traffic cannot pass. You have been asked to move by the police, but you have refused



What offence might you be arrested for?

What are the three key 'elements' of this offence ie why is it this offence and not another?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What is the maximum penalty _____

Scenario 2

You are at a blockade outside the Hinkley Point nuclear power station. You have been milling around in front of the main gates talking to the workers. A few of the workers are getting quite heated. You have been told by the police that to prevent a serious public disorder they have just put a condition on your demonstration, under section 14 of the Public Order Act, that you must move away from the main gates and continue the demonstration in a pen across the road. You are considering whether or not you should move.

What could you be arrested for? _____
What is the maximum penalty? _____

Scenario 3

You and your affinity group have spilled paint on yourselves and the roadway in front of Hinkley Point power station, in order to make yourselves harder to move.

What could you be arrested for? _____

What are the key elements of the offence

1. _____
2. _____

What is the maximum penalty? _____

Possible offences

- Aggravated trespass
- Breach section 14 Public Order Act 1986
- Criminal damage
- Criminal trespass – section 128 Serious Organised Crime and Police Act
- Obstruction of the highway

Maximum sentences

- £1000 fine
- Imprisonment for 3 months and £2,500 fine
- Imprisonment for 3 months or £2,500 fine and a compensation order
- Imprisonment for 51 weeks and fine of £5,000



Scenario 4

Your affinity group has decided to climb the fence into the power station and try and stage a protest inside rather than outside the perimeter.

What could you be arrested for? _____

What are the key elements of this offence?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

What is the maximum sentence? _____

Scenario 5

Your group has climbed the fence and entered the construction site adjacent to the existing power station. You're standing on top of a digger with your banner, chanting and singing.

What offence might you be arrested for? _____

What are the key elements of this offence?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
3. _____

What is the maximum sentence for this offence?

