



How West Midlands Police is supporting you through COVID19

We must all work together to protect each other during this difficult time.

You must follow the Government advice and stay at home.

- Only go outside when reasonable to do so for specific reasons including for necessary food, exercise, medicine, to care for a vulnerable person, or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- You can spread the virus even if you do not have symptoms.

For more information visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

To police these guidelines we will:

Engage - talk to anyone who does not understand the new guidelines and ask them to follow the advice.

Explain - the risks their actions are causing to public health and to the NHS.

Encourage - emphasise the benefits of staying at home and how this will protect the NHS, save lives and help the most vulnerable in society.

Enforce - everybody must follow these rules. As a last resort we will use our powers to stop any activity which goes against the government restrictions.

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We have the power to:

- disperse gatherings of three or more people
- remove a person from a gathering to their home
- close any premises that have not been authorised to remain open
- issue a fixed penalty notice of £60, which will be lowered to £30 if paid within 14 days
- issue a fixed penalty notice of £120 for second time offenders, doubling on each further repeat offence

For more information on our enforcement powers visit
west-midlands.police.uk/coronavirus

How to contact us:

- We will still be providing our usual 24/7 service in keeping you safe
- This is a really difficult time for our staff. Help us to help you by getting in touch using the correct channels.
- You can report crime and speak to us on Live Chat between 8am - midnight at west-midlands.police.uk
- You can report large gatherings or premises which are breaching restrictions and we will do our best to respond
- Only in an emergency should you call 999
- For updates from your local policing team sign up to wmnow.co.uk

If you're experiencing domestic abuse we can help:

Home may not be the safest place for you right now. If you're experiencing any form of abuse you can contact us for help. It's easy to contact us using Live Chat via our website – you only need to type, not make an impossible phone call. We're always here for you.

We trust that you will follow these new measures and work with us to keep people safe.

Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.