

Photography In Public

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We put this PDF together as it seems that the public do not always understand the law when it comes to taking pics in public.

As a photographer in the UK I am free to take photographs/vid in a public area without consent of a person. The basic rule is, if it is public (not in a private building) one can take pics or vid of anyone without their consent in the UK.

Should I be approached by any person trying to prevent me in my lawful activity of taking pics/vid in a public area, I will record them and may seek legal actions against such persons. This may include any police who try to prevent my legal right and freedom.

In truth most people are happy to be photographed at such events.

And if anyone goes on such an event when they know thousands of people will be taking pics of them on camera phones, and cameras, and they think they can stop people taking pics, then to be honest, they are not too bright.

If you do not want to be photographed or filmed at such an event, then your probably best not to go on such event.

While some people think they know the law, and believe they need consent to be photographed in public, in truth they do not.

This is from the met police website: <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/ph/photography-advice>

Photography advice

Freedom to photograph and film

Members of the public and the media do not need a permit to film or photograph in public places and police have no power to stop them filming or photographing incidents or police personnel.

If someone asks the police to stop the media recording them, the request may be passed on to the media, but not enforced.