

# FACIAL RECOGNITION ALERT



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# YOU SHOULD KNOW



**You don't have to walk past the camera**



**You can cover your face – it is not illegal**



**You don't need to give your name & address to the police**

Important: Police may stop you if they believe you're acting 'suspiciously'.

They can only compel you to give personal details if they suspect you of a criminal offence.

Covering your face is permitted unless 'section 60' powers (Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) have been authorised, which police must notify you about. Under these powers, police can stop and search people and require the removal of any items used to conceal identity, even without suspicion.

## DANGEROUSLY AUTHORITARIAN

Facial recognition is a mass surveillance technology that takes biometric scans of our faces as we walk past the cameras – which is as sensitive as taking our fingerprints. It is used for policing and also to identify people for 'intelligence'. Databases can include innocent protestors, football fans, people with mental health problems and people with unpaid fines.

## DANGEROUSLY INACCURATE

People have wrongly been identified by police facial recognition. If you're flagged, your photo will be stored on a police database for a month without your knowledge. Live facial recognition has significant issues with identifying people and people of colour. Astonishingly, the police are still wasting millions of pounds of public money on this major expansion of the surveillance state.

## TAKE ACTION!

Sign and share the petition: [stopfacialrecognition.org](https://stopfacialrecognition.org)

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If you have been stopped by police because of facial recognition cameras, please contact [info@bigbrotherwatch.org.uk](mailto:info@bigbrotherwatch.org.uk)