

Photographer's Rights

Here is the response given by Christine Widdall to an emailed query about this issue in December 2008. It was reported at the January 2009 Executive Committee Meeting and they asked that it be posted on the Website as their response to this changing issue.

“We do not have anyone on the committee who is a lawyer and we have not felt able, therefore, to make an authoritative "clear statement" of your rights as you have asked. There is a web site set up for this purpose at <http://www.photographersrights.org.uk/page6/page6.html> which does that job and will be kept updated if the law changes.

There is also a very good pdf leaflet written by a lawyer at the following link
<http://www.sirimo.co.uk/media/UKPhotographersRights.pdf>

According to Amateur Photographer, the police were due to be issued new guidance in November 2008 to clarify photographers' rights and discourage over-zealous policing. Please see the link at:
http://www.amateurphotographer.co.uk/news/terrorism_act_photography_fears_spark_police_response_news_271070.html

There is also a thread on the L&CPU Forum dealing with the issue.

(The address for this Forum thread is

<http://www.lcpu.org/forum/index.php?topic=22.0>

John Royle, Webmaster)

I will bring your correspondence to the attention of the committee and get back to you if they can add anything to what I have said.”

Kind regards
Christine Widdall
Hon Gen Sec and Vice President
(December 2008)