

# Taped Interview Aide-Memoire

## Introduction to the interview

This interview is being taped recorded and may be given in evidence if your case is brought to trial.  
We are in an interview room at (police station name).

The date is (date) and the time by my watch is (time).

I am (rank and name).

The other police officer(s) present is/are (rank and name).

Please state your full name and date of birth.

Also present is (solicitor, appropriate adult, interpreter).

Do you agree that there are no other persons present? (Yes or no).

(Where appropriate adult present) You are not here to act simply as an observer. Your role here is to advise (suspect), facilitate communication and ensure that the interview is conducted fairly.

Before the start of this interview, I must remind you that you are entitled to free and independent legal advice either in person or by telephone at any stage (regardless of whether or not a solicitor is present).

Do you wish to speak to a legal advisor now or have one present during the interview? (If no, ask for reasons.) At the conclusion of the interview, I will give you a notice explaining what will happen to the tapes and how you and/or your solicitor can get access to them.

## CAUTION

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING. BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION WHEN QUESTIONED SOMETHING YOU LATER RELY ON IN COURT. ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE.

This can be broken down as follows, to ensure the suspect understands:

- You do not have to answer my questions.
- However, should this matter go to court and you tell the court something which you could have reasonably told me during this interview, the court may be less likely to believe you and that could harm your defence.
- The tapes of this interview may be played in court, so the court will be able to hear what you have said.