

Arrest, charge, conviction of solicitors or employees

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Those we regulate have a duty to comply with our [Principles](https://referral.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/principles) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/principles\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/principles).

If someone we regulate is arrested, charged or convicted the situation may have an impact on [clients](https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/using-solicitor/legal-jargon-explained#client) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/using-solicitor/legal-jargon-explained#client\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/using-solicitor/legal-jargon-explained#client). It may also affect the person's ability to practise. We may need to take action to protect clients.

If you discover that a person regulated by us has been arrested, charged or convicted of an offence, you should report them to us **immediately**:

- Visit [report a solicitor](https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/), or
- call our [contact centre](https://referral.sra.org.uk/contact-us) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/contact-us\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/contact-us).