

HOW TO SURVIVE A DAN ACTION

1. DAN uses a protest style called non-violent confrontation, meaning that we will push an action, even to the point of arrest, in order to get a response. This demonstrates the strength of our commitment to this life and death issue. If you violate police orders, by not leaving an area after a warning, crossing lines or trying to cross barriers the police have created or failing to obey an officers' order (lawful or not) you are liable to be arrested. Disobeying the police is called Civil Disobedience and DAN will use this tactic often to dramatise our commitment and the urgency of our issue.

Civil Disobedience MUST be carried out NON-VIOLENTLY! If DAN members are the cause of any injury to the police or others it will cause damage to our work and be very bad publicity. Please keep your emotions under control during the confrontations, which are often difficult. If you need help in this area we will be offering training in this shortly. In the meantime let us know and we can assign someone on the day to help you.

DO NOT take drugs/alcohol on an action. This may seem obvious but it is important to stress.

We must act forcefully but nonviolently. Sometimes people are hurt during confrontations, chairs are tipped, people are grabbed etc. Please be emotionally prepared for this and DO NOT RETALIATE! A careless, violent response by one of us could ruin the years of work that's gone into building DAN.

2. Usually the police will give warning of arresting you. If you don't want to get arrested that is the time to leave. Somebody from DAN should make sure that you know this.
3. If you are arrested make sure you give your name to someone from DAN so we know where you are.
4. CHECK YOU HAVE THE DAN SURVIVAL SHEET AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S ON IT!
5. The police sometimes try to arrest who they see as our leaders, thinking that if they are taken away the protest will stop. THIS MUST NEVER HAPPEN!
6. If you go to the police station we will be working hard to get you out. There will probably be a group of us outside to welcome you.
7. When we leave the station, we all leave together. Don't do deals with the police to get yourself out and leave others behind.
8. When inside don't believe anyone but your solicitor and people from DAN. If you are charged make sure you ask for the DAN solicitor.
9. If you are fined it will be up to you to pay it. DAN does not have the resources to pay fines. You could however start a fine fund in your area and fund-raise.

10. Look out for each other and support each other. If someone's in trouble help them.

11. Be prepared to share..... Everyone on the action must endure the same conditions. We will all try to make everyone as comfortable as possible, but sharing and trusting each other make these difficult actions bearable, and we must all work together.

12. Be patient ..Actions can be boring.. if you're blocking a doorway find something to readlet them come to the boil not you.

13. Talk to the public and tell them why you are here.. engage them in conversation. Be civil and friendly. Do not get involved in arguments with members of the public. If they are hostile, withdraw.

14. There are no leaders in DAN. If the police ask who's in charge, say "No one."

15. Keep up the chanting, shouting and singing. Pass out leaflets. Let people know you're here.

Thank you for your work to liberate disabled people in this country. It is very much appreciated.

Enjoy it

Danny.

DAN ARREST SHEET

The solicitors are Friday 14th. June Guy Otten 0161 945 1431 office
0973 168 347 mob

Saturday 15th June Robert Lazard 0385 906 667

When you get to the station the police will ask you if you want a solicitor. Ask if you are being charged. If you are being charged ask for DAN's solicitor.

Make sure you have any medication you need with you. If you forget, make sure the police know about this.

Be courteous but say nothing apart from your name and address until you have seen your solicitor. The new Criminal Justice Act does mean that saying nothing can be used in any future court hearing.