

# Arrest, charge, conviction of solicitors or employees

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Those we regulate have a duty to comply with our [Principles](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/principles) [<https://guidance.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://guidance.sra.org.uk/consumers/using-solicitor/legal-jargon-explained#client) [<https://guidance.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://guidance.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/) [<https://guidance.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/>], or
- call our [contact centre](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/contact-us) [<https://guidance.sra.org.uk/contact-us>].