



Information about the riots and protests in parts of the United Kingdom in August 2024



What is happening?



People have been causing trouble in towns and cities.



They are throwing things, setting fires and stealing from shops.



They are scaring people.



This is called a **riot**.



The **riots** are happening in different towns and cities in parts of the country.



The people causing trouble say they are **protesting**.



A **protest** is when people go into their local area and show they don't agree with something.



Protests are safe and peaceful.



Riots are not **protests**.



Riots are illegal.



People taking part are being arrested.



Why are the riots happening?



The people in the **riots** said they started to protest because some children were attacked.



They were told on social media that the attacker was a **Muslim**.



A **Muslim** is someone who believes in a religion called **Islam**.



The attacker is not **Muslim** and **Muslims** are not dangerous.



But they are angry at people they think are **immigrants**.



Immigrants are people who have moved here from different countries.



The people causing trouble think England shouldn't have any **immigrants**.



The people causing trouble think people are **immigrants** because of how they look.



This can be things like the colour of their skin, what they wear and how they speak.



They are doing things to hurt and scare people they think are from different countries.



They are doing things to hurt and scare **asylum seekers**.



Asylum seekers are people from dangerous countries who are trying to find a safe place to live.



The people causing trouble also say they are angry at how the police are controlled.



What are the police doing to help?



The police are helping to keep people safe.



The police are protecting buildings.



The police are arresting people.



Being part of a **riot** is illegal.



The government has made it clear that this is wrong.



Some people have already gone to court because they took part.



People are helping too



There are lots of good people helping.



Good people have been protesting the riots.



They have been protecting buildings.



They have been helping people.



They have been cleaning up the mess after the riots.



They have been taking food and drink to the police officers.



How you can stay safe



There are lots of videos and stories of these things happening.



It can look scary and it is ok to be worried.



Your safety and well being is very important to us



It is important that you do not take part in the **riots**.



It is important that you do not go to places where there are **riots** and **protests**.



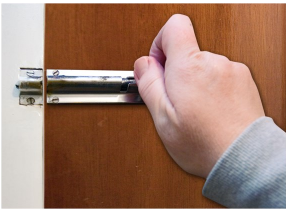
We advise you not to get involved in the **protests** against the riots because it isn't safe.



We cannot keep you safe if you choose to attend a **protest**.



Do not let anybody you do not know into your home.



Keep your doors and windows locked.



Tell your support workers and people you trust if you need help.



Call 999 and ask for the police if someone says or does something nasty to you.



This is so you can stay safe.



We have given advice to people who work for us about the **riots**.



Remember



You are not alone.



It is normal to feel worried or fearful, but there is support to help you.



Your safety matters.



Your safety and well-being are the most important things for us.



Please talk to your support workers if you feel unsafe or need help.



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