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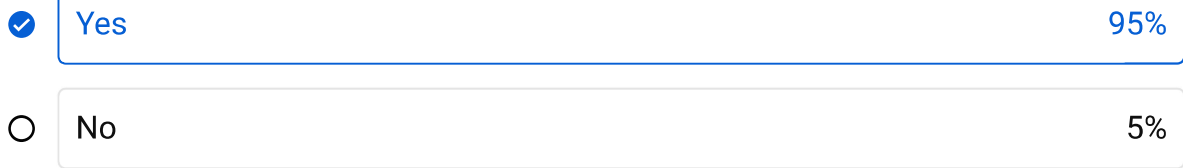
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BlackBeltBarrister 3 months ago

Is it misconduct for a senior police officer to fail to recuse/suspend the subordinate from a sensitive role when presented with evidence raising a reasonable concern of dishonesty?

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@Phoenix2312 3 months ago

I have said YES, but I am very aware that there have been many occasions where this has not happened.

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@andiehyde3714 3 months ago

Aren't they allowed to do just whatever they please?
In all my 50 odd years, that is exactly what they do.

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@tellitasyouseeit7555 2 months ago

Ignorance is bliss

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@davidoldboy5425 3 months ago

They uphold the law, dishonesty is breaking it

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A @adenwellsmith6908 3 months ago

@adenwellsmith6908

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I've a complaint in progress. Police officers parking on double reds to fine people for - wait for it - parking on double reds.

I've done my research. Basic police officers MUST obey the highway code. The Met have no exceptions to that rule.

So guilty. The question is will the Met fine them? Will the met stop the criminal practice?

What's going on has a stench of corruption. Khan pays the met, Khan gets to tell the met to ignore serious crime instead extort the cash.

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 @EthanBGamer1 3 months ago

Their oath is "...without fear or favour", and turning a blind eye to something or deliberately putting something like that off is definitely beyond misconduct, it's total dishonesty - i agree

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E @EP3mentalist 3 months ago

No it's not. Being dishonest is not necessarily illegal

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A @adenwellsmith6908 3 months ago

When you are a police officer. section 1 of the code of ethics kicks in.

The real issue is why its not an offence by politicians.


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D @davidoldboy5425 3 months ago

[@EP3mentalist](#) In strict terms that is correct, however each individual policeman has liability for their actions or inactions. Therefore failure to act when there is evidence they should falls on their head, and they bear the consequence.

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 @35manning 3 months ago

I answered yes because it is misconduct, at least in the sense of expectations of the public.

However, I strongly suspect that per official policy / legislation, it is not considered misconduct.

As much as I hate governments making laws that we should follow "for our own benefit", I do believe that they should make laws that THEY need to follow for our own benefit.

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 @daveb9858 3 months ago

Would a reasonable policeman (an officer of the court) possessed of the facts and the law suspend the subordinate? 👍 Should do

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@rahjah6958 3 months ago

Sounds like a great place wheres this then?

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@daveb9858 3 months ago

@rahjah6958 dishonesty is a redline for someone in a position of trust, so if the allegations are substantial and serious, then yes. Although 'dishonesty' is not well defined legally, it's just whether a layman thinks the policeman is dishonest. It's also tricky to prove without good evidence. Deliberately misleading people is probably the threshold.

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@kenneththompson8933 3 months ago

YES BUT..If you are a cop or in the Met or CID..you can break the law with impunity. Corrupt & rotten to the core.



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@TheDangoNinja 3 months ago



But they can't can they

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@ubiquitousubiquitous3843 3 months ago

Law and history disagrees

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@secretsquirrel6124 3 months ago


@TheDangoNinja No I'm sure they do a thorough investigation and find nothing wrong was ever done

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@tim1289r 2 months ago



@secretsquirrel6124 🤔

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@Gary0557 3 months ago

He's not asking why should they, he's asking does it constitute a misconduct offence.

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@dippyfish 3 months ago

Depends on context.

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@secretsquirrel6124 3 months ago

You mean close ranks and cover things up?

No I'm sure they do a thorough investigation and find nothing wrong was ever done

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@phitsf5475 3 months ago

Where is the maybe

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@Matt-vo1ge 3 months ago

To be fair the UK's bent.

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@rahjah6958 3 months ago

Police are meant to stop misconduct? I was unaware

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@adenwellsmith6908 3 months ago

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@MB-ps7po 3 months ago

[@adenwellsmith6908](#) needs context. If the police drove past a vehicle obstructing the highway without action, surely somebody else would complain nothing was being done about illegal parking 🙄

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@adenwellsmith6908 3 months ago

You can watch the police. For example today I watched 4.

This is at a junction where 1200 offences are committed an hour. A friend is in a wheel chair because he was hit on the pavement by an illegal e-bike.

A woman pushing a buggy, the buggy was hit by a cyclist on the pavement. Same area, a cyclist got hit by a car. 3 months in hospital. No prosecutions because she jumped the red. In her case, a year in jail sends the right message.

Did the police do anything? No. Zilch.

It can only be cured by police action, and they refuse.

Parking - refuse

Illegal motorbikes - refuse

Drug dealing - refuse.

Wanted for homicide - refuse

In all cases they refuse to act.



So I'm pissed off. Pissed off to the extent that 5% of the complaints against the Met this year,

that were upheld, are down to me,.

Scale that up to see the problem with the police.

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A [@adenwellsmith6908](#) 3 months ago



Of course. I would.

The problem comes when he police refuse to act.

For example, Southwark. One of the 12 basic command units in london. 25 officers active at any one point in time. 3 shifts, that's 75 a day. Lets double that. Holidays, training, injuries. That's 150 officers. What are the other 1,850 officers doing? Sweet Fanny Adams.

That's the issue.

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Si [@siraff4461](#) 3 months ago

[@adenwellsmith6908](#) "Can park in otherwise restricted zones when it is necessary to perform their duty"

When dealing with people parking on double reds for example...

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Si [@siraff4461](#) 3 months ago

Oh and that goes for all emergency services - not just the police.

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

Police regulations say "You MUST obey the highway code at all times".

So they have no exemption. Before submitting the complaint, I made a FOI request to ask, were there any exceptions to the police regulations. The answer was no.

So Khan cannot give them an exemption. It's purely down to what the police regulations state. That overrides other things because section 5 of the police code of ethics state you must obey legal regulations.

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Si [@siraff4461](#) 3 months ago

[@adenwellsmith6908](#) You are confusing them needing an exemption from a rule to their exemption being part of the rule.

Look up whichever article it is and you will pretty much always find a line which goes something like "except for emergency services" or similar.

That means they are operating within the rule rather than requiring an exemption.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2016/362/schedule/7/made?view=plain>

You're looking for section 4 (1).

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@adenwellsmith6908 3 months ago

No. The police code of ethics, section 5. You must obey all lawful regulations. The regulation is you MUST obey the highway code [for basic police drivers]. For pursuit drivers there are other laws and regulations that apply, which enable them to do things that for other people are illegal, and rightly so.

The exempt for emergency services when it comes to the police is not their for basic police drivers.

There are three levels. Basic, standard response and pursuit. If go onto the college of policing website you will see what they can and cannot do.

These exemptions are set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and the Motorways Traffic Regulations 1982 These exempt emergency vehicles driven by qualified and authorised personnel from:

observing speed limits

observing keep left/right signs

complying with traffic lights (including pedestrian controlled crossings and red X matrix signs)

Even where a statutory exemption exists, the police driver must always give due regard to their driving manner and behaviour.

A basic driver must be trained to stop vehicles in routine circumstances (should force policy permit)

MUST drive within the constraints of the Highway Code. does not have authority to use emergency ancillary equipment (for example, blue lights, sirens) to facilitate progress

The MUST is the key word

A standard response driver: must be qualified and authorised to the standards prescribed in the Police Driving Curriculum to enable them to respond safely to incidents using response performance vehicles

may use emergency ancillary equipment when the specific circumstances warrant it (for example silent approach en route to a burglary in progress)

An advanced police driver: must be qualified and authorised to the standards prescribed in the Police Driving Curriculum to enable them to respond safely to incidents using advanced performance vehicles

may use emergency ancillary equipment when the specific circumstances warrant it



So basic drivers cannot even park illegally.

There's another issue, relating to the code of ethics. Committing the same offence as you are enforcing, when you easily park else where and walk, brings the police into disrepute. Other people look at it and say, one rule for them, one for us. They are just extorting money. And they

would be right.

[@siraff4461](#)



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 [@siraff4461](#) 3 months ago

[@adenwellsmith6908](#) Again you're missing the point. They are complying because the exemption is embedded in the relevant legislation.

You are looking for something which overrides the legislation but they don't need that since the legislation allows for them to do it in the first place.

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 [@adenwellsmith6908](#) 3 months ago

No you are missing it.



The regulations trump the exemption.

The officers must obey the laws and they must obey the regulations.

It's and not or.

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 [@siraff4461](#) 3 months ago

[@adenwellsmith6908](#) The regulations INCLUDE the exemption. There is no "trumping" or other tricks. The regulations can't trump themselves. They are obeying the regulations because the regulations allow what they are doing.



I don't know how to make it easier for you to understand but if you're trying to use it as a way to get out of a ticket you're going to find out the hard way.

Again if you read the link I posted it clearly states (within the regulation itself) who and what are permitted to do what, when and why.

You don't need an exemption from a rule you aren't breaking in the first place and they aren't because the rule (regulation) allows them to do that.



Its the same part which allows bus drivers to drop off passengers - or do you imagine they are breaking the law every time they stop on a red route too?

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

 [@woolychewbakker5277](#) 3 months ago

Is the sky blue ?

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 [@annied9864](#) 3 months ago

Yes, but do they follow rules?

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 [@jaybee1921](#) 3 months ago



I would say yes, it is misconduct, also a dereliction of duty...in my view of course, after all, Senior Officers have to be seen to be running a good Station, both by other officers and the public at large.

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@Jasabout 3 months ago

Misunderstanding of the law, is not breaking it.

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@passionfruit5320 3 months ago

I would say it would be down to him to investigate the allegation before taking any action... which might end in suspension or just a warning...



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@barrydoxseyuk 3 months ago

If the dishonesty relates to the case in question. Has or would that dishonesty have any bearing on the case. The answer would thus be evident.

If No, then it still needs a full investigation by independent group as integrity becomes an issue.

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@padfa3939 2 months ago



For the senior officer it is performance/competency related but not misconduct. For the junior officer it is an integrity issue and therefore misconduct.

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@mathewnicholls5881 2 months ago

This question makes my brain hurt 🧠 🤔

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@rolandmasters105 2 months ago

answerd yes but from what I have experienced as a member of the public I suspect the answer is no

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@alastairhunter3666 3 months ago

It depends on what rank the subordinate is



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@petersutton523 2 months ago



Why ?

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@alastairhunter3666 2 months ago (edited)

[@petersutton523](#) that's how our system works

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@SarahRileyMusic 3 months ago

You're asking the wrong question

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@annied9864 3 months ago

It would depend on

- 1) are they masons
- 2) religions
- 3) colour
- 4) sex
- 5) rank

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@bob1234881 3 months ago

Doesn't everyone make an error in a job. Best we don't get sacked for every error...

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@jimg2850 3 months ago

So presented with evidence and made the mistake of ignoring it? Seems more likely a deliberate act than a mistake!

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J

@justjim3168 3 months ago (edited)

Not if they're members of the same freemasonic lodge.

Such membership overrules police regulations, judicial decisions and the law of the land etc.



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@tellitasyouseeit7555 2 months ago



You clearly state so much drivel.

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@jake6379 3 months ago



I witnessed a police car driving erratically the other day.... Nearly rammmed a learner/p driver off the road on the m27 east m3 junction. He then proceeded to weave all over the place and drive really aggressively for the next 6 miles. I called Hampshire constabulary but they were not interested.

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@nickclinton7661 3 months ago

Good luck prosecuting them, given the 100 thousand case back log and growing

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BR

@brtrad9733 2 months ago (edited)

I guess it entirely depends on the quality of the evidence. There is reasonable cause to take action, or there is not. That is the decision to be made. If the evidence is irrefutable and/or beyond any reasonable doubt, then it is reasonable to expect a senior officer to have made the correct decision

and to have taken appropriate action. If there is a case that the senior officer did not make the correct decision or take appropriate action, then their "Judgement and Decision Making" competency should be formally called into question (as per Civil Service competency framework). A case for actual 'misconduct' may be considered if the senior officer knowingly falsified facts, or knowingly withheld important facts, or knowingly/intentionally ignored facts that would have had direct consequence to the outcome of the case. Just my opinion :).

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 **@cartontweedle5724** 2 months ago

Also said numpty should go to jail because he protected a criminal. Nice if they happened to be in the same cell. Save money more space for the next bent cop.

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 **@chava2uk150** 3 months ago


But they don't

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 **@bampitony6108** 3 months ago


I would be very careful what your answer.. you never know who's monitoring YT.. Get my drift.. 🙄

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 **@bella69178** 3 months ago

Absolutely like extending bail illegally to restrict your freedoms and like police telling a trans officer to CONTINUE to harras people annoyomously when a complaint was made , i could be here all day listing stuff like this

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 **@Doshbuzz** 3 months ago

No comment

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 **@shonabeggs4640** 3 months ago

Obviously not for most of them. It's dishonest to pretend Joseph is now Josephine and can intimately search females.

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

 **@DS9TREK** 3 months ago



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 **@deucestemwinder3349** 3 months ago

Not anymore, not unless that person dares to have an opinion to the right of Karl Marx

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