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What is Discretion?

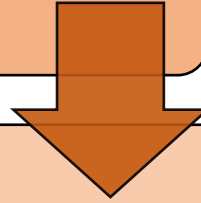


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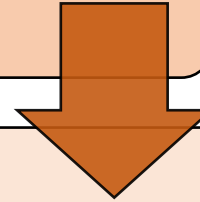


Definition of Discretion

Professional judgement & action



Authority to decide and choose

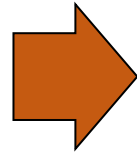


Selecting the best course of action, having recognised & considered all of the alternatives

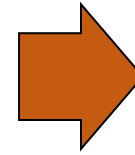


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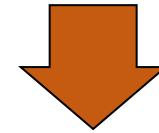
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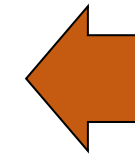
Penalty Notice for Disorder



Traffic Offence Report



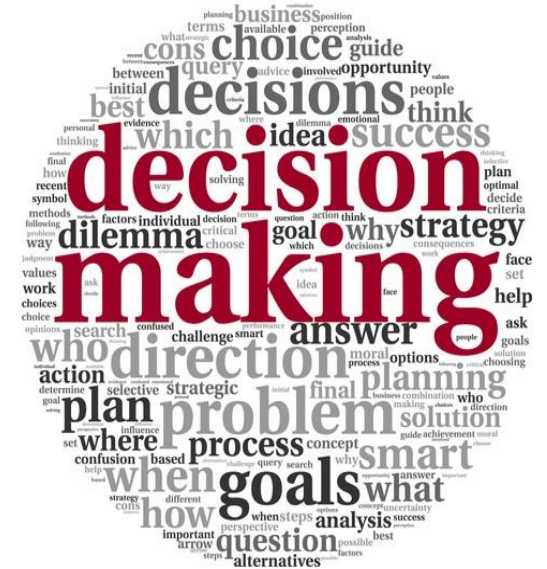
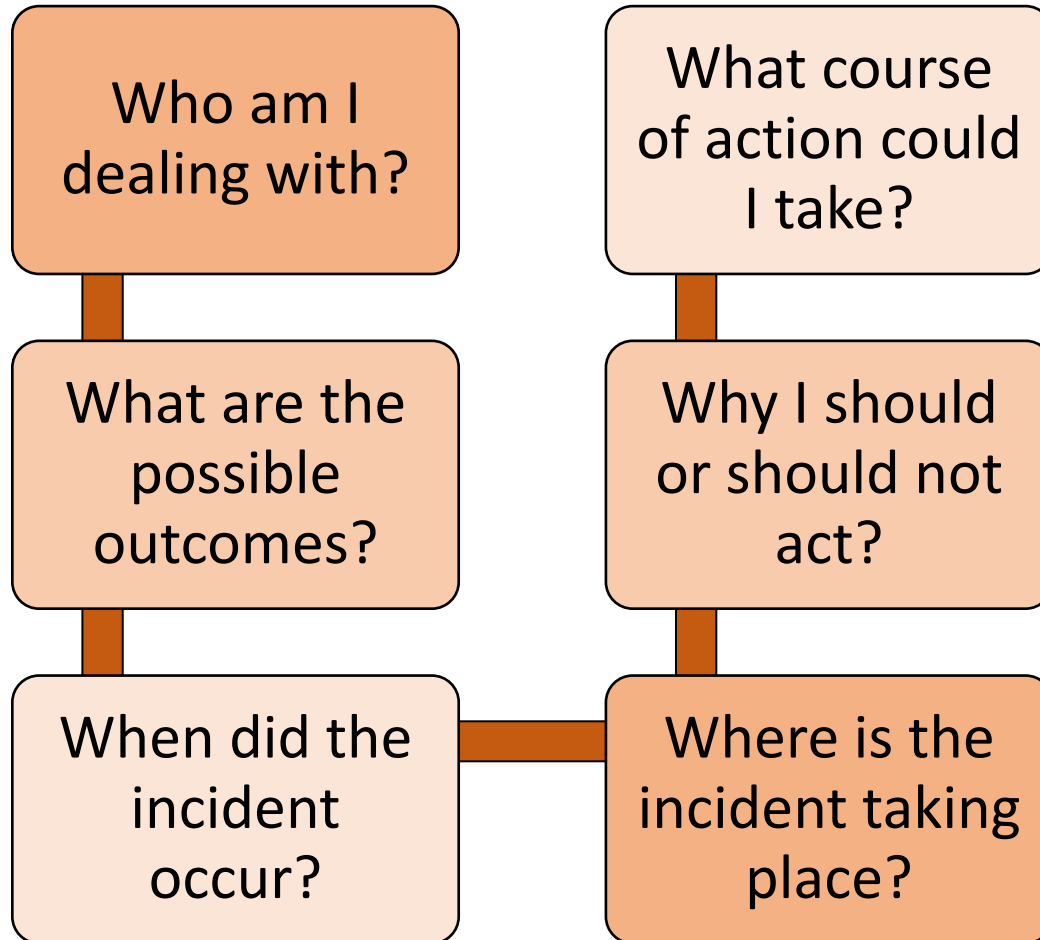
Arrest



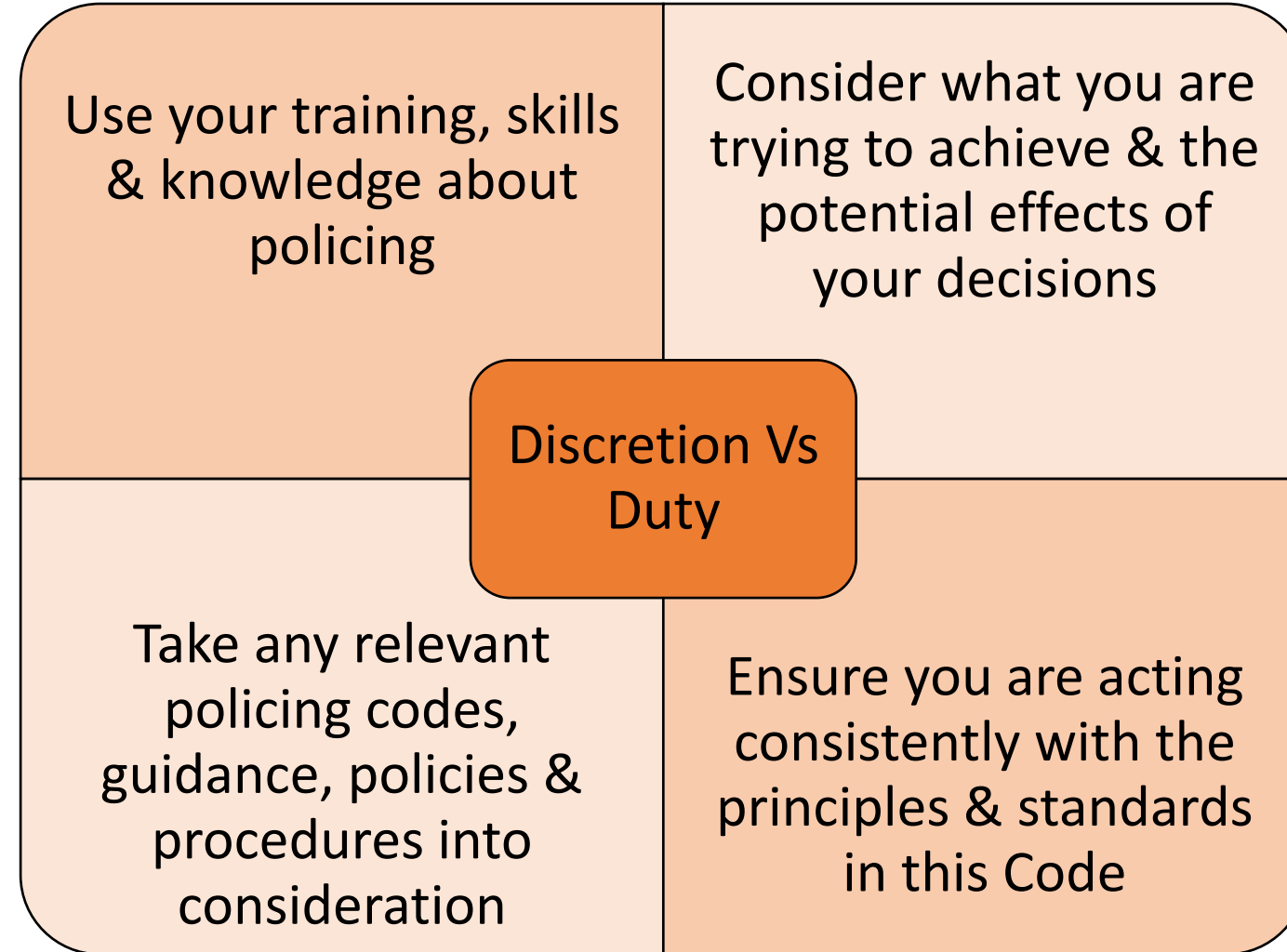
Do Nothing?



Factors which may Influence Decisions



Discretion versus Duty



Ethical & Professional Application of Discretion

Be accountable
& be ready to
be challenged
on the spot by
members of the
public,
colleagues or
supervisors

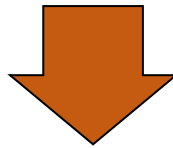
Keep records of
your decision
making,
EPNB/Control
Room

Be ready to
brief or debrief
colleagues
around the
decision &
choices that
you made



Ethical & Professional Application of Discretion

In line with the NDM review your decision making & choices that you have made regarding your use of discretion – what happened? What lessons did you learn? What would you do differently?



Keep records of your training & CPD in this area. This will allow you to further evidence your decision making if required



Scenario 1

A visitor to Sandford turns into a side street in contravention of a 'No Left' turn sign.

You stop him and he apologises, stating that he was momentarily distracted by his two young children in the car.



Scenario 2

You are on duty at a ceremonial event where a large crowd has assembled. It is your job to keep people in the defined sections, so that the crowd is kept under control.

A woman approaches you and asks to be allowed to enter an adjoining section where her husband and family are standing.

Your instructions are not to allow people to move between areas, but you can see a man waving at the woman.



Scenario 3

You see a group of men who appear slightly drunk. One of them picks up a plastic traffic cone by the roadside, puts it on his head and walks off.

You stop him and he says they are out celebrating passing their exams and he wants the cone as a trophy.



Scenario 4

When out on patrol you see three youngsters sitting on a park bench passing a can of lager between them.

When questioned they admit to having taken the can from home and they were trying it out as an experiment.

They are co-operative and you form the opinion that they are telling the truth.



Scenario 5



You are posted by the duty Inspector to keep traffic and sightseers away from the scene of a road traffic collision involving very serious injury to several people.

You stop a car and the driver identifies herself as a doctor and asks to be allowed to go to the scene to help with the casualties.



Discretion and Integrity



MURDER

**MANSLAUGHTER DUE
TO THE DEGREE OF
RECKLESSNESS.**



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