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Any incident. Any time.



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An increasing number of authorities have the power to carry out unannounced investigations, meaning that the prospect of a dawn raid is an everyday reality for many organisations. Authorities with dawn raid powers include the Competition and Markets Authority, the Serious Fraud Office, the Financial Conduct Authority, HMRC and the Health and Safety Executive.

We can provide legal and technical support in the event of raid. We can also help you to plan for a possible dawn raid to ensure staff are briefed and ready to respond in what may be a chaotic and stressful situation.

Dawn raid support

- Our specialists are experienced in dealing with raids and investigations. We have first-hand experience of dealing with many different types of raids conducted by a wide range of regulatory authorities, and advising clients in subsequent investigations.
- Dealing with dawn raids often requires large scale resources, particularly if multiple sites are raided simultaneously. We have large multi-practice dawn raid response teams in locations across the UK, as well as teams worldwide. This means that we can ensure that any dawn raid is fully resourced. This is of critical importance to effective management of a raid.
- We have experience of dealing with both basic and more sophisticated IT aspects of regulatory raids and investigations. Our dedicated teams can provide IT support to match the IT expertise brought by the regulatory authorities on the day. We have the most up-to-date software, including the software used by all the key investigatory agencies, to review significant volumes of data and find the 'smoking guns'.

You can reach our teams 24/7 via our emergency hotline **+44 (0)333 20 21 010**.

Assistance before and after a raid

As well as providing support during a raid, we can help you to ensure your organisation is prepared in advance, and provide post dawn raid support and advice. Our services include:

- **Review** of current **policies and guidelines**.
- **Training** and **mock dawn raids**.
- **Full legal support in the critical period after a raid** – from undertaking further internal investigations to making leniency applications and other submissions.



CMS have significant experience, which instills confidence. They understand our business.

Client feedback, Chambers & Partners

Golden rules

- 1 Be polite but firm.
- 2 Check identity + authorisation document + scope of investigation.
- 3 Ensure legal informed.
- 4 Always accompany inspectors.
- 5 Keep record of everything inspectors do, ask and take.
- 6 Do not let inspectors have documents which are privileged or outside scope of investigation.
- 7 Be helpful (non-compliance may be a crime).
- 8 Don't speculate or volunteer information.
- 9 Stay calm, be factual.
- 10 If you don't know the answer to a question, say so.
- 11 Do not obstruct or destroy material.
- 12 Maintain confidentiality.

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