

Prohibited Items

The safety of the people who live in, work in and visit Merseyside is Merseyside Police's top priority. The Liberal Democrat Party has received and accepted advice from Merseyside Police regarding security measures for the Autumn Conference 2010. As a result, an enhanced security operation will be running for the duration of the conference. These measures have been agreed and put in place to ensure, as fully as possible, the safety of everyone attending the conference, as well as the residents and employees surrounding the venue.

The following articles are deemed to be prohibited articles and will not be permitted in the conference venue:

- Any firearm or any article having the appearance of being a firearm, whether capable of being discharged or not.
- Any explosive or article manufactured or adapted (whether in the form of a bomb, grenade or otherwise) so as to have the appearance of being an explosive, whether it is capable of providing practical effect by explosion or not, including any article marked or labelled to indicate that it is or contains explosives.
- Any article made or adapted for the use of causing injury to or incapacitating a person, for example, knives, handcuffs, martial arts equipment, noxious substances, etc.
- Any 'hoax' device or items, which has been assembled to give the appearance of a genuine device that may introduce concerns, such as powder secreted in condoms etc.
- Any item that may give cause for concern that the person may wish to disrupt the conference, such as hunting horns, klaxons, whistles, ropes, placards or banners that clearly signal an intent to demonstrate within the Island site.
- Any item not necessarily designed for harm or disruption but could be used in such a way. This includes (but the list is not exhaustive) pen knives, letter openers, knitting needles, helium balloons, chains and locks.

Merseyside Police accepts that it is impractical to produce a definitive list of 'prohibited articles'. An element of discretion will rest with the event security to make provision for such circumstances. Any items confiscated will be returned to delegates upon leaving the ACC.