

**COP26**

**The work Police Scotland are doing to support a safe event.**





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| **What is COP26?** | |
| Years 2017 to 2021 on calendars | The United Nations Climate Change Conference is a meeting that happens every year. |
| United Nations logo in turquoise - a map of the world in a circular image surrounded by two olive branches. | The United Nations is an organisation that works to keep peace and safety between countries. |
|  | This year will be the 26th meeting so it is called COP26.  COP stands for ‘Convention of the Parties’ which means a meeting. |
| a world globe with a hot sun shining on it | Climate change is the way the weather in the world is changing and getting hotter.  This is because there is too much carbon dioxide gas in the air. |
| a car showing fumes coming from an exhaust, next to a blue gas flame | Most carbon dioxide gas comes from heating our homes by gas and from vehicle exhausts. |
| a woman pointing at the first thing in a list of 3 things | COP26 is an important moment for countries to agree what work will be done to have less climate change. |
| a calendar with 1-12 November underlined in red | The meeting lasts for 12 days. |
| a group of people talking and listeningA group of people in front of a world map | People at the COP26 conference are:   * the people who lead countries, like Prime Ministers and Presidents * people from governments * businesses and people from different countries * negotiators – someone who helps people to talk and agree |
| The UK and Italian flags | COP26 is led by the UK Government, in partnership with Italy. |
| The Scottish Saltire flag  Glasgow | The conference is at the Scottish Event Campus – called the SEC for short. This is in Glasgow.  There are 2 different areas - the Blue Zone and the Green Zone. |
| **a group of people meeting round a table with an image of a globe on a piece of paper on it.  The words 'blue zone' are above them on a blue background.** | The Blue Zone is where the official meetings happen. |
| **a person looking at a poster with art and music on it, next to a person using technology equipment.  The words 'green zone' are above them on a green background.** | The Green Zone is for the public so everyone can go there.  There will be:   * events * exhibitions * demonstrations of science and equipment * and performances. |
| Website Link on a computer screen | [Read more about COP26 by visiting their website.](https://ukcop26.org/) |
| **Policing COP26** | |
| Police woman holding a walkie talkie | Police Scotland’s job is to work with others to make sure COP26 is safe and secure.  We will do this at the SEC and other places and events that are part of COP26. |
| 3 documents with the title 'plans' | We have been making plans and getting ready for this event for over a year. |
| the United Nations logo next to the UK Parliament building, next to a council building with 4 staff outside. | We have been working closely with other organisations including:   * the United Nations * UK Government * Glasgow City Council. |
| a woman pointing at the first thing on a list of 3 things. | COP26 will be one of the biggest and most important events that has happened in Britain. |
| a worried looking man with a question mark beside him | People will see more police and security staff in and around Glasgow before the conference happens and when it is on.  You should not feel frightened or worried about this.  Our most important job is keep people safe. |
| a police officer next to a map of Britain | There will be 10,000 police officers at the conference each day.  They will come from all over Britain. |
| a police officer with a dog, next to a gun and a horse. | You could see police officers who:   * carry guns * have police dogs * are on horses * are on boats on the river * are part of search teams who can look for dangerous things. |
| CCTV camera and sign | There will also be:   * CCTV * barriers to stop cars or lorries driving close to the meeting and other important places |
| a police officer | We do not know that something dangerous will happen but we will be prepared. |
| a police officer helping a woman who is sitting on the floor with a man supporting her.  They are next to al ocal map. | Local police will still respond to calls and give people a high quality service.  This will not change because police are at COP26. |
| a police officer speaking to a young woman | We will be talking to people and listening to any worries before the conference and when it is on. |
| 999 on the screen of a mobile phone, next to a blue light. | We ask the public to look out for anything that seems out of place or unusual and report it to us. |
| **Protest** | |
| a man shouting through a megaphone | Climate Change is in the news a lot.  There are more protests about climate change around the world  We expect there will be protests in Glasgow and in other places across Scotland. |
| 3 people next to the Human Rights Act law document | Police Scotland is an organisation that looks after people’s rights.  We must protect the rights of people who want to peacefully protest. |
| 4 people protesting with speech bubbles above their heads. | We must look after the rights of everyone in the community.  We will have a balanced and sensible response to any protests.  We will try to work with groups to make sure they can protest in a peaceful way. |

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