

# Stop and Search

**Easy Read**



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# 1. If you are in a car and the police think you might have



**Drugs**



**Weapons**



**Stolen Property**

**they can stop you and search you.**

**2. If you are in a place where the police think there has been or could be crimes taking place, they can stop you and search you.**



**3. Being stopped and searched does not mean you are being arrested.**

# 4. These are the people who can stop you and search you



**A police officer in uniform**



**A PCSO in uniform**



**A police officer in normal clothes with police id**



# **5. If you are stopped and you are searched the police officer will explain**



**why you are being stopped and searched**



**what they are looking for**

# **6. When you are searched you may be asked to take off your**



**Coat or jacket**



**Gloves**

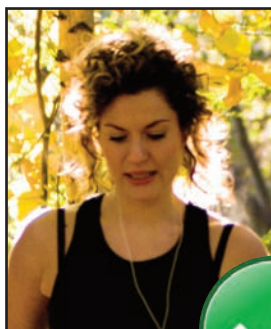


**Or sometimes  
headgear  
and footwear**

**7. If you need to take off any more than this, you will be taken somewhere more private.**



**8. A search should be done by a police officer who is the same gender as you.**



**9. The police officer will give you a receipt which is a piece of paper with their name and other information on it.**

Declined  Did not understand

**STOP & SEARCH: object / authority**

**Primary Reason - TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Property S.1 PACE 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> Drugs S.23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Terrorism S.43(1) (Persons) Terrorism Act 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> Weapons S.1 PACE 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> Firearms S.47 Firearms Act 1968	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Terrorism S.43(a) (Vehicle & Objects) Terrorism Act 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> Going Equipped S.1 PACE 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous/Offensive Weapons S.60 Criminal Justice Public Order Act 1994	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Terrorism S.47(a) Terrorism Act 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> Bladed Articles S.1 PACE 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> Poaching S.2 Poaching Act 1966	

**10. If you don't get a piece of paper you can ask for one.**





# 11. You should always be treated fairly.



**But if you feel you weren't treated fairly you can complain by**



- **telephoning 101, the Force's non-emergency number**



- **contacting your local police station**



- **contacting your local police and crime commissioner**

## 12. Remember:



- **You must be treated fairly**



- **You must be told why you are being searched**

Place of Birth: .....

PNC ID (IC 0-6)

If SDE not stated reason: Called AV  
Declined

**STOP & SEARCH: object**

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Going Equipped S.1 PACE 1984	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dangerous/Offer Weapons S.60 Criminal Justice Public O
Bladed Articles S.1 PACE 1984	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poaching

- **You must be offered a receipt**



- **You have the right to complain**



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