
SECTIONS 44 OF THE TERRORISM ACT 2000

Under Section 44 officers may search any pedestrian or vehicle for evidence related to terrorism. They do not need to show reasonable cause to stop or search you. However, if you are stopped and searched you have certain rights.

These include:

- The officer searching you will use the stop and search powers fairly, responsibly without discrimination
- The officer will ensure that the search is conducted within a reasonable time
- The search must take place near where you are stopped, except in instances where moving you would protect your privacy
- If you are stopped or searched you are entitled to a copy of the form, which is completed at the time of the stop. You can also apply to a police station within 12 months for a copy.
- If you wish to make a complaint about how you were treated you can contact a police station or an independent body (see web link below for details).

For further information about stop and search and your rights please visit www.stopandsearch.com or the Association of Police Authorities website - www.apa.police.uk - which includes information about stop and search in other languages.

PROTECTING YOU FROM TERRORISM

The threat from terrorism is real and serious. As we have seen terrorists can strike at any time and any place without warning. The level of terrorist activity has intensified and increased as groups and individuals aspire to mount attacks in the UK.

The police service is working together with our partners and the public to tackle the threat. It is only with this support that we can protect London and make citizens feel safe.

Terrorists need to travel - meetings, training and planning can take place anywhere.

Terrorists need transport - equipment, material and people need to be moved around.

Terrorists need to prepare - hostile reconnaissance and surveillance is carried out to plan attacks.

Stop and search under the Terrorism Act 2000 can disrupt, deter and prevent terrorist activity; and create a hostile environment for terrorists to operate in. These powers provide a vital tactic in our counter terrorism strategy.

We understand being stopped or searched by police may cause an inconvenience and sometimes distress. But it is our duty to protect all Londoners from terrorism and your patience and understanding actively helps us to do this.

We ask the public to remain vigilant and to report suspicious activity to the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline - **0800 789 321**. A textphone service is available for people with speech or hearing difficulties on 0800 0324539 (text messages from mobiles are not accepted).

If you believe there is an immediate threat dial 999 urgently.



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