



Stop and Search

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This booklet is about when the police stop you and search you.

The police might stop you for different reasons.



Just for a chat.



They want to talk to you about something you have seen to help them with their work.



They think you are carrying something dangerous or against the law.



Police officers will only search you if they believe you are carrying something dangerous or against the law.

It is against the law to carry things like...



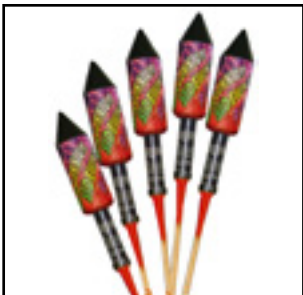
Illegal drugs



Weapons



Things that have
been stolen



Fireworks
(for example,
if you are under 18)



The police officer will tell you they are going to search you.
You have to go along with this.
It's the law.



The police officer will tell you why they want to search you.

You can ask them questions if you do not understand.



The police officer may ask you to take your coat off if you are wearing one.



The police officer will use their hands to search your arms, body and legs.



If you are a man only a male police officer will search you.



If you are a woman only a female police officer will search you.



The police officer may use plastic tongs to run over your clothes.



The police officer will use their hands to search in your pockets.



And the police officer may search your bag or wallet if you have one.



If the police officer finds something that is dangerous or against the law they will take it off you.



And they will ask you for your name, date of birth and address.



If the police officer does not find anything that is against the law, you can leave.



You won't get in trouble unless you have done something that is against the law.



The police officer will give you a leaflet.



The leaflet says why you were searched. It also says which police officer searched you.

This leaflet will help you if you want to find out more information from the police. Or if you are not happy about the way you were treated.

If you are not happy about the way you were treated by the police...



You can speak to someone at a police station.



Or you can call 101.

This is the police helpline for when it is not an emergency.

For more information about
Stop and Search



**[www.scotland.police.uk/
stopandsearch](http://www.scotland.police.uk/stopandsearch)**



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