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Powers to search

The law says that you can only be searched if a police officer has a **reasonable belief** to suspect that you may be carrying something illegal or something that can be used to to commit an offence and you are likely to do so.

This forms the **grounds of the search**.

There are two exceptions to this rule, which are known as [blanket search powers](#):

1. If a section 60 search power has been granted (Criminal Justice Act).
2. If a section 47A search power has been granted (Terrorism Act).