3. What Can I Be Searched For?

What you can be searched for depends on what search power you have been stopped under.

The police often use a piece of law known as Section 1 of PACE (Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984).

Using this power, you can be searched for the following item, provided that there is reasonable individual suspicion:

- **articles for burglary/theft**
- **stolen goods**
- **offensive weapons**
- **bladed articles**
- **items that may be used to commit criminal damage**

There are other specific laws that allow an officer to search you. They include the power to search for drugs or explosives, and along with Section 1 PACE, always require reasonable suspicion.

NB. Whilst not being a search power, if you're the driver of a vehicle that is being searched or has been involved in a road traffic incident, the police have a specific power to demand your name and address.