



Stop and Search

The police have specific powers that allow them in some circumstances to stop and search you. These powers are used to build an intelligence picture of people taking part in protest and civil disobedience. The best way to protect yourself is to know the law and not to talk.

Stop and Search can be used against protesters, so it is useful to know what your rights are if you are stopped by the police.

Some forces have been known to abuse stop and search procedure in order to **harass protesters**, and we know that stop and search tactics are used for **intelligence gathering purposes**.

You do not have to give you personal details under any search power.

This guide will cover what those are and offer some advice for when you are stopped by the police.

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