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If the police find a item on you that they suspect may be illegal, they can confiscate it.

At this point they might:

- choose to arrest you on suspicion of possessing an item that may be illegal
- issue you with a fixed penalty notice
- demand your name and address in order to send you a summons at a later date

A summons is a letter demanding that you attend a police station at a specific time, possibly for a telling off, or to be arrested.

Before attending a police station give us a ring to discuss your options. You might want to attend with a solicitor.

If you refuse to give your name and address for the purpose of a fixed penalty notice or a summons, **the police have the power to arrest you** in order to determine who you are.