



Stop and Search Receipt Pad

STOP AND SEARCH RECORD INSTRUCTIONS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

PACE Code A

Every stop and search must be carried out with courtesy, consideration and respect for the person concerned. (para 1.3)

Stop and search can play an important role in the detection and prevention of crime, and using the powers fairly makes them more effective (para 1.3)

Officers should have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of all persons under the age of 18. (Para 1.1 abb)

Reasonable Grounds

You must have formed a genuine suspicion in your own mind that you will find the object; and

The suspicion that the object will be found must be reasonable. This means that there must be an objective basis for that suspicion based on facts, information and/or intelligence which are relevant.

Remember stop and search is subject to independent scrutiny.

Information to be given by officers to person searched	S.H.A.C.K
G Grounds for search	Seen: What have you seen, including actions/behaviour?
O Object/purpose of search	Heard: What have you heard? Conversation, alarms etc.
W Warrant card (if not in uniform)	Actions: Did their actions/reactions to you alter your grounds to search?
I Identity of officer	Conversation: What was said? Did their reply affect your grounds to search?
S Station - officer attached	Knowledge: Is their specific intelligence about the individual or location? Were they pointed out to you?
E Entitled to copy of search	
L Legal power used	
Y You are detained for the search	



Stop and Search Receipt

- Person/vehicle search
 Unattended vehicle search

Reference Date of Search

Officer

Station (Station details only if S.43/S.47 TA 2000)

To obtain a full copy of the record of your search, please take this card to any Avon and Somerset Constabulary Enquiry Desk within 3 months.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary are keen to receive feedback from members of the public who have been the subject of a stop and search. If you would like to provide us with any feedback regarding your experience please email us at:
stopandsearch@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Stop and search is subject to independent scrutiny by members of the community. If you would like the scrutiny panel to review your case please email us at: **stopandsearch@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

For information regarding making a complaint please call 101 or visit: **www.avonandsomerset.police.uk**, alternatively for information about the independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) please visit: **www.ipcc.gov.uk**

STOP AND SEARCH – KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

You or the vehicle you are in can be stopped and searched if an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that you are carrying:

- Drugs, weapons or stolen property; or
- Items which could be used to commit a crime.

Police officers can stop and search you within a specific area without any reasonable grounds if it is believed that:

- Serious violence could take place; or
- Offensive weapons are being carried or have been used.

The police officer must explain:

- Why you are being stopped and searched;
- What the police officer is looking for;
- The law under which you are being searched; and
- Your right to a receipt.

They must give their name (except for terrorism searches) and their police station.

You should always be treated fairly and with respect. If you feel this has not happened then you can complain.

You do not have to give any personal information unless you have committed an offence.

Stop and search is not an arrest – you won't get a criminal record.

*“Making sure you know and understand your rights when being stopped and searched is an important duty for me as
Police and Crime Commissioner.*

If you wish to give me feedback then please see the Contact Us details on my website at: www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk.”

Sue Mountstevens