



Stop and Search Policy

1.1 POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will fully implement and enforce Stop and Search legislation and follow the guidance in the Practice Advice on Stop and Search (ACPO, 2006). All staff should be aware of this policy but it specifically applies to all BTP Police Officers involved at any level of carrying out stop and searches and those involved in community liaison and monitoring.
- 1.1.2 Briefings should make officers aware of all relevant current information and intelligence.
- 1.1.3 Searches should be carried out fairly and respectfully at all times and in a non-discriminatory way.
- 1.1.4 BTP will liaise with communities to gain and maintain public confidence in the powers and ensure openness of practice.
- 1.1.5 BTP will record all searches in order to monitor the use of the powers and produce publicly available statistical reports.
- 1.1.6 BTP will ensure avenues of complaint and feedback are readily available to all people who are searched.

1.2 OVERVIEW

- 1.2.1 This policy covers all Stop and Search legislation including:
 - Stop and Account recommendations in the Stephen Lawrence inquiry report
 - Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE)
 - Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act (CJPO)
 - Terrorism Acts 2000 and 2005.
- 1.2.2 This policy replaces all previous stop and search policy and procedures. It has been written to reflect changes in guidance and procedures recommended centrally by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).
- 1.2.2 This policy applies to England and Wales unless otherwise stated.

1.3 APPLICABLE DATE, MONITORING AND REVIEW



1.3.1 This policy is applicable from December 2006.

1.3.2 This policy will be reviewed on December 2007.

1.4 OWNERSHIP

1.4.1 This policy is owned by ACC (Operations).

1.4.2 Any questions and comments related to this policy should be directed to FHQ Operations.

1.5 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Practice Advice on Stop and Search (ACPO, 2006)
- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE)
- Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report Recommendation 61
- Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (CJPO)
- Terrorism Act 2000
- Terrorism Act 2005
- Home Office Circular 22/2006 Authorizations of Stop and Search Powers under Section 44 of the Terrorism Act
- Stop and Search - Know Your Rights leaflet (printed copies of these leaflets can be obtained from British Transport Police Authority, The Forum, 5th Floor North, 74-80 Camden Street, London, NW1 0EG. Tel: 020 7383 0259)
- Mobile Data Unit Pilot Policy and Standard Operating Procedures (restricted)