

Police Stop and Search Questionnaire



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The Home Secretary has asked all police authorities in England and Wales to 'consult with their communities' on stop and search, in order to get their views on how Recommendation 61 of the Stephen Lawrence Report should be implemented.

The Metropolitan Police Authority now wants to know what you think.

The survey should only take you a few minutes to fill in. Please send the survey back to us in the envelope provided. Postage is FREE, so you don't even need a stamp.

Recommendation 61 states that any one who is stopped by a police officer should be given a record of the stop.

What is a 'stop'?

A 'stop' is when a police officer stops you and has a conversation, perhaps asking you to account for your actions, behaviour or your possessions. Once the officer is satisfied with your answers, you are free to go.

What is a 'search'?

A 'search' goes further, for example, by removing clothes or looking into your pockets or bags or in a car or van. The search can be done with or without your co-operation. But the police must have a good reason for searching you and they must write down the details.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to explore your views and preferences about which encounters between the police and the public should be formally recorded.

Please let us know whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	Don't Know
1. The police power to stop and search is a vital tool to reduce crime and make communities safer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Everyone knows the difference between a conversation with a police officer and a formal stop or challenge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. As long as the police carry out stops and searches within the rules, and with proper regard for individuals, the current arrangements should continue.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Public trust and confidence in police powers on stop and search would be strengthened if police officers were required to <u>give a record of all stops as well as stops and searches.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Please use the space below to add any other comments or suggestions about stops and searches:

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6. Would you like to be involved in further MPA Consultation? Yes No

If you would like to get involved, please give your contact details

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode

ABOUT YOU

To make sure that the MPA is listening to Londoners, please provide us with some information about yourself.

Are you: Male Female

What is your age?

Under 15 16 to 24 25 to 39 40 to 59 Over 60

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Yes No (If 'Yes', please give details below)

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What is your ethnic origin?

Choose ONE section from A to F, then tick the appropriate box to indicate you cultural background

A White: British Irish Turkish Greek Turkish Cypriot Greek Cypriot

B Mixed: White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian

C Asian or Asian British: Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi

D Black or Black British: Caribbean African

E Chinese or other ethnic group: Chinese Vietnamese

F Any other background (please write in):

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Thank you for taking part.

Please return your questionnaire to the following address:

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