PHOTOGRAPHERS RIGHTS IN THE UK

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You do not need a permit to film or photograph in public places
But police can stop and search you:
- **IN PUBLIC:** if they suspect you could be a terrorist
- **IN A SENSITIVE AREA:** without suspicion

Police can:
- view images on phone or camera
to determine any link to terrorism
- seize anything that may be evidence that you are a terrorist,including phone & camera

Police cannot:
- destroy or delete images / film
- read text messages, emails or voicemails
- prevent photography in a public place or of themselves

Police are legally required to ask you about your ethnic background. You do not have to answer.

Police must give you a written record of the stop & search

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS IN AERODROMES & MILITARY BASES

IF YOU’RE STOP & SEARCHED

Stay calm. Do not refuse. Know your rights. Speak calmly if you feel they are being infringed

Police should declare:
- their name and police station
- the law under which you’ve been stopped and your rights

You do not have to give your name and address unless you are being reported for an offence

Policy can police cannot:
- impose whatever restrictions they wish on entry (i.e no photography)
- demand that you stop taking photos and leave the premises

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- take film or memory cards
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- insist on viewing images

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ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

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Cut out, turn upside down and fold
Fold again to create a credit card-sized pamphlet
Store the infosheet in your wallet or purse for ease of use

FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS