

Can you take my fingerprints, DNA and photograph?

Yes, under certain circumstances. Schedule 8 of the Terrorism Act 2000 sets out the necessary requirements.

What if I don't comply with any of your requests?

The police officer can legally require you to remain for up to nine hours, but most interviews are completed much more quickly. Offences may be committed if you fail to comply with a request made by a police officer under this legislation.

Will a record be kept of my details?

The Metropolitan Police Service is an accountable organisation and legislation requires us to keep a record which will be held for reference purposes.

This is NOT a criminal record.

I have missed my flight / train / sailing. What can I do?

Police will help you if they can. You are also advised to speak to the company which made your travel arrangements.

Tackling Terrorism Together

We all have a role to play in keeping London safe. It is not just the police, security and intelligence services that tackle the threat from terrorism – communities can also help defeat it.

We need the support and confidence of all our communities.

We ask the public to remain vigilant and trust their instincts by reporting suspicious activity to the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.

No piece of information is too small.

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IF YOU SUSPECT IT REPORT IT**

Contacts

Metropolitan Police Service

www.met.police.uk/so/counter_terrorism.htm

Home Office

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/security

Office of Public Sector Information

www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2000

Metropolitan Police Authority

www.mpa.gov.uk

If you would like more information about policing at ports you can email us at:

SO15MailboxCTCPorts@met.police.uk

or leave a message on the following telephone number 020 8721 6220 and we will contact you.



Why Do Police Stop Passengers At Ports?

Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000

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Working together for a safer London



The threat from terrorism to the United Kingdom is real and serious.

We have seen that terrorists can strike at any time and any place without warning.

Recent convictions have shown that there are people intent on attacking us.

The Metropolitan Police Service has a key role in countering that threat and maintaining national security

Our overriding priority is to keep the public safe by working together with all our communities.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000 Port and Borders powers

Who has stopped me?

Police officers from the Metropolitan Police Service have stopped you.

They are stationed at international ports to help keep the UK safe and to protect its borders. The officers will not have given you their names, but will provide their warrant number if you request it.

You may also have been stopped under other legislation by staff from the UK Border Agency. They undertake a vital role in controlling our national borders.

Why have I been stopped?

Police officers at ports play a key role in countering the current terrorist threat and maintaining national security. They use powers available to them under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 and adhere to the Codes of Practice that accompany the legislation. The Code requires that the selection of people stopped reflect an objective assessment of the threat posed by various terrorist groups active in and outside the UK.

Why have you asked for my passport?

So that you can be identified. Other forms of documentation that can positively identify you may also be acceptable eg European identity card. You must also give the police officer any other documents or information they request.

Can you search me and my luggage?

Yes, you can be searched. The police officer can also search and examine anything with you or belonging to you, that is on an aircraft, ship or train.

They can also search anything with you or belonging to you that may have been on, or is about to go onto, an aircraft, ship or train.

How long can you keep my property?

Property is normally returned to you straight away. If this is not possible then items can be held for up to seven days. They may be kept for a longer period if certain circumstances apply.