

Ark BDA Wellbeing Check: Stop and Search – Know Your Rights



Stop and Search is a police power that allows officers to detain a person and search them, using force if necessary.

It is legal for police to Stop and Search a person of any age in public, including children.

If you or your child is Stopped and Searched by police, use the following guidance to keep yourself safe:

Start by watching the following video, explaining how to use the following techniques to keep yourself safe if you are stopped and searched:

- Stay calm
- Eye contact
- Ask questions
- Record/Receipt
- Confidence
- Hold to account

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv7E5KF5Xxo> (can this be embedded on the page?)

Click [here](#) for part 2.

Further reading:

- Parents and Young Persons guide to Stop and Search: <http://www.stop-watch.org/uploads/documents/SW-Guide-May-2017-online-version.pdf>
- Download the **Y-Stop App** to record any interactions with the police: <https://y-stop.org/>
- Know your rights: <https://netpol.org/know-your-rights/>
- How to make a complaint: <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/complaints-and-appeals/make-complaint>