



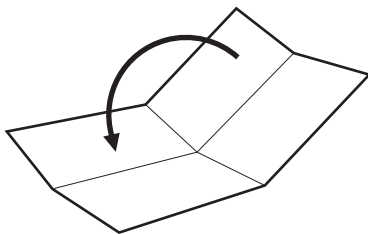
# PHOTOGRAPHERS RIGHTS IN THE UK

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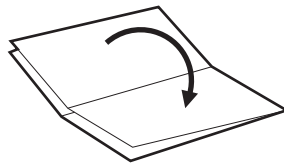
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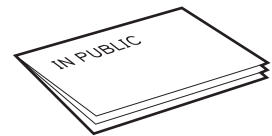
## FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS



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



## INSIDE

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"I'm an amateur photographer taking photos for fun. Would you like you see them officer?"

Recommended response to police

### PHOTOGRAPHERS RIGHTS IN THE UK

## 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
- why you've been stopped and why they chose you
- what they are looking for

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

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

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## IN PUBLIC



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

Section 43 / 44  
Terrorism Act 2000

### 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

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## ON PRIVATE PROPERTY



No restriction on taking photograph providing you have permission to be there

### OWNER AND EMPLOYEES CAN

- impose whatever restrictions they wish on entry (i.e no photography)
- demand that you stop taking photos and leave the premises

### OWNER AND EMPLOYEES CANNOT

- confiscate or damage camera equipment
- take film or memory cards
- demand deletion of images
- insist on viewing images

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS IN AERODROMES & MILITARY BASES

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