Tackling Terrorism Together

[insert name of Police Force] values your support and cooperation. Everyone has a role to play in combating terrorism, not just the Police.

The threat of terrorism is real and serious. Recent events have shown that a minority of people seek to commit terrorist offences. [insert name of Police Force] has a key role in countering the threat and in maintaining national security.

Please remain alert and vigilant at all times. If you are suspicious about someone’s behaviour or activities, or you have information that could relate to terrorist activity, please call the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline telephone number below.

**IF YOU SUSPECT IT REPORT IT**

**CALL 0800 789 321**

CONFIDENTIAL ANTI-TELEPHONE HOTLINE

Text phone for people with speech or hearing difficulties 0800 032 4539

If you believe there is an immediate risk always dial 999 or 112

Police officers at Ports play a key role in countering the terrorist threat and have powers under Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 to stop, question, search and if necessary detain people entering or leaving the UK. This also applies to those travelling within the UK on board a ship or aircraft.

Terrorists need to travel in order to plan, prepare and commit their crimes. Schedule 7 legislation is used by Police officers to determine whether a person appears to be (or has been) concerned in terrorism. When an encounter extends beyond a short period of time this process is commonly known as an examination.

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

Can you take my fingerprints, DNA and photograph?

Yes, in the circumstances set out under Schedule 8 Terrorism Act 2000.

If your ongoing travel arrangements are inconvenienced, in most cases officers will try to assist you with alternative arrangements.

Where can I complain about my treatment or find out more information?

You can make a complaint if you think you have:

- experienced inappropriate behaviour from a Police officer or member of Police staff. For instance, if you felt they were rude or aggressive in their treatment of you
- witnessed in person an incident where a Police officer or member of Police staff acted inappropriately
- been adversely affected by the conduct of a Police officer or member of Police staff, even if it did not take place in relation to you

Complaints or comments should be directed to [insert name of Police Force] on [insert contact details].

Further information on making a complaint can be found on the website of the Independent Police Complaints Commission at: [www.ipcc.gov.uk/complaints](http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/complaints) or on Tel: 0300 020 0096.
Why have you asked for my passport?

This is so that you can be identified. Other forms of documentation that can positively identify you may also be acceptable. You must also give the officer any other documents or information they request.

Can you search me or my luggage or ask me for passwords to electronic devices?

Yes, you can be searched, together with anything you have with you or belonging to you that is on an aircraft, ship or international train, including any vehicle you might be travelling in. The officer can also search and examine anything belonging to you which may have been, or is about to go, on a ship, aircraft, or international train. This includes electronic devices (mobile phones, laptops etc.) and you can be required to provide the log in information, including passwords, to such devices.

How long can you keep my property?

Property is normally returned to you straight away, or at the conclusion of the examination. If this is not possible, documents and other belongings found during the search can be held for up to seven days for further examination. Property can be kept for longer where it may be required for use as part of a criminal investigation or under the Immigration Act 1971.

Will a record be kept of my details?

The police are obliged to keep a record of all examinations and detentions. This is for statistical and reference purposes only and does not constitute any kind of criminal record.