

Rewind Stop And Search Campaign Launched Today - 10.09.18

A new campaign has been launched to help make understanding stop and search laws more simple.

Stop and search legislation can be complicated which is why we've introduced the REWIND campaign to simplify it.

We will be working with year 6 pupils in primary schools across Sussex to educate young people on why and when the power is used.

The campaign was a concept by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Commission which was thought up to try and help young people if they are stopped. Building on its success, Sussex Police developed it further to incorporate all communities within Sussex.

Emma Hockley, former member of the PCC Youth Commission said: "We really wanted to raise awareness of what people our age should expect from police during a stop and search. By targeting young people with this video, we hoped they could develop a greater understanding of the process as we did whilst enjoying making the production as a team."

To view the PCC's Youth Commission video. If the hyperlink doesn't work, copy and paste this link into your internet browser <https://youtu.be/XLHA-BXTaZY>.

The campaign aims to promote that everyone has the right to be treated fairly and with respect, whether a member of the public or police officers carrying out the stop and search. The power is used a way to keep people safe and feeling safe and protects the community from criminality.

ACC Steve Barry, said: "The message behind the REWIND campaign is simple. We're reminding our communities that everyone has the same rights irrespective of background, ethnicity or religion, principally to be treated fairly and with respect.

"When someone is stopped and searched, we would encourage them to rewind back through the interaction, reflect and review how it went. If that person had behaved in a different way during the interaction, could their experience have been improved? Respect is two way and is required not only to the person being stopped and searched but also to the police officers carrying it out.

"Using the acronym REWIND, we've updated our [stop and search pages](#) with a simplified description of people's rights to make them easier to understand."

Katy Bourne, Sussex PCC, said: "I am confident that the use of stop and search powers provides the police with an effective tool in terms of preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour. However, it is important to balance public protection with individual freedom by ensuring the powers are used fairly and with the support and understanding of our communities.

"I commend this innovative approach to the understanding of Stop and Search by former members of my Youth Commission. A stop and search situation can be intimidating and scary for anyone of any age but especially for a young person. I think it's brilliant that they have taken the initiative to raise awareness to include all communities in a concise and memorable way."

Here's what REWIND means:

Remember under the Stop and Search legislation, everyone has rights.

Every person who is stopped and searched is entitled to a receipt.

When stopped, the officer will give their name and the police station they work from.

If the person who is stopped has a problem understanding what is being explained by an officer, they have the right to ask for an interpreter or for an appropriate adult.

Normally the officer doing the search will be the same gender as the person being searched.

During a stop and search, the officer may ask the person who is stopped to remove their jacket or other outer clothes.

You can find out more about REWIND, the Stop and Search power and watch the two short videos on dedicated [stop and search pages](#) on our website.

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