



Public Order Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 15

PART 1

PUBLIC ORDER

Powers to stop and search

12 Further provisions about authorisations and directions under section 11

- (1) If an inspector gives an authorisation under section 11, the inspector must, as soon as it is practicable to do so, cause an officer of or above the rank of superintendent to be informed.
- (2) An authorisation under section 11 must—
 - (a) be given in writing signed by the officer giving it,
 - (b) specify the grounds on which it is given, and
 - (c) specify the locality in which and the period during which the powers conferred by that section are exercisable.
- (3) A direction under section 11(5) must—
 - (a) be given in writing, or
 - (b) where it is not practicable to comply with paragraph (a), be recorded in writing as soon as it is practicable to do so.
- (4) References (however expressed) in section 11 or this section to a police officer of or above a particular rank include references to a member of the British Transport Police Force of or above that rank.
- (5) In the application of section 11 to a member of the British Transport Police Force by virtue of subsection (4), references to a locality within the officer's police area are to be read as references to a place in England and Wales of a kind mentioned in section 31(1)(a) to (f) of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Public Order Act 2023, Section 12. (See end of Document for details)*

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 35\(5\)](#)
I2 [S. 12](#) in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1418](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#)

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