

Guide to Property FOUND in a Public Place

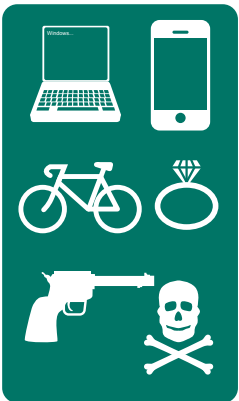
In all cases you should make reasonable enquiries to trace the owner



For unidentifiable or low value property, such as empty handbags, bags, cases, wallets, purses, used clothing, soiled clothing, perishable goods, rubbish, umbrellas, spectacles etc.

You should:

1. Make reasonable enquiries which could include asking people nearby, consider enquiries in nearby premises or leave a note with your details.
2. If still unidentified then there is nothing more the Police can do and you should dispose of the property.



Mobile telephones, high value jewellery and possessions, MP3 players, cash, high value bicycles and computers. **Firearms/shotguns or ammunition, explosives, chemicals, toxins or poisons, drugs or medicines or any other items not covered elsewhere.**

Please hand in to a Police Station, Police Officer/Police Community Support Officer or Police Help Desk so we can trace the owner or otherwise deal with them safely.

Do not attempt to handle dangerous items!
Report to a member of staff IMMEDIATELY.



Bank cards, identity cards, personal documentation (e.g. bank statements, benefit books).

Follow the instructions on the back of the bank card, identity card or other document.

Birth, marriage and death certificates.

The General Register Office ask that you destroy the item to prevent fraudulent use.

British passports

Please cancel the passport by cutting off the top corner and then go to:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/found-passport

to read what to do next.

Foreign passports, driving licences and other identity documents.

Return to the embassy of the issuing country.

UK driving licences.

If you have found a UK driving licence, please return it to the DVLA.