

Search Warrant Application

Ashfordshire Police · Form SW/1 · Hand to the Detective on completion

If your investigation gives you reasonable grounds to search a suspect's home, you can apply. Some premises don't need an application at all · read everything below before you write yours.

NO APPROVAL NEEDED

Crime Scene & Victim's Family Home

The premises where a serious crime occurred, and the victim's own home, can be searched immediately by attending officers · no warrant, arrest, or written grounds needed. Doesn't count against your search budget.

Authorised under s.17(1)(e), Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and Ashfordshire Constabulary SOP 4/19 (Scene Preservation & Next-of-Kin Premises).

Just ask the Detective · there's nothing to fill in for this one.

UNLIMITED

Search Under Arrest

Where a suspect has already been arrested, a senior officer can authorise a search directly · no warrant needed. Doesn't count against your search budget.

Authorised under s.18, PACE 1984 · search of premises occupied or controlled by an arrested person, on an inspector's written authority.

LIMITED · COSTS 1 OF 3

Warrant Application

Where a suspect hasn't been arrested, you need a magistrate's warrant. Vague suspicion isn't enough · point to something specific you've actually found.

Authorised under s.8, PACE 1984 · a magistrate's warrant to search for evidence of an indictable offence.

Your team has 3 warrant applications for the whole event. Everything else on this page is free.

APPLICATION FORM

TEAM NAME		TIME	
APPLICATION TYPE			
Search under arrest		Warrant application	
SUSPECT			
LOCATION			
Home		Office Other:	
GROUNDS · WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND, AND WHY DOES IT JUSTIFY THIS SEARCH?			

FOR DETECTIVE USE ONLY	
TIME RECEIVED	DECISION
	Approved Refused
AUTHORISING OFFICER	