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**POLICY FOR MALICIOUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND  
EVIDENTIAL SEIZURE AND EXAMINATION OF TELEPHONE  
HANDSETS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

In order to effectively tackle crime and criminality and achieve our aim of making Nottinghamshire Safer it is sometimes necessary to infringe upon the human rights of an individual, this is particularly so in cases involving the evidential seizure and examination of telephone handsets and other communication devices. All infringements will be justifiable on the grounds of legality, proportionality and necessity. The degree of intrusion will be proportionate to the seriousness of the crime being investigated. Our activities will be conducted with high standards of integrity.

To ensure our activity is lawful and remains such, appropriate authorities will be obtained and regularly reviewed. We will maintain records of all applications which will be managed and stored by the Force Single Point Of Contact.

Nottinghamshire Police will adhere to legislation and Surveillance Commissioner's guidelines.

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Detective Inspector  
Force Crime Directorate  
Crime Policy

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Green  
Chief Constable

This policy should be read in conjunction with the appropriate Procedures, Guidance and Rules outlined below: -

PD 104 Evidential Seizure and Examination of Telephone Handsets and  
Other Communication Devices  
PD 158 Malicious Telephone Calls and Liaison with BT Nuisance Call  
Bureau  
Code of Practice Between Police Forces and the UK  
Communication Service Providers – June 2004