

Guidelines on Powers For Use of Force.

1- Common Law

2- Section 3 Criminal Law Act 1967

3- Section 117 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

4 - The Human Rights Act 1998

The law on self-defence.

Under the law you are entitled to use reasonable force to protect yourself, another person or your property, prevent crime or help to legally arrest a criminal.

The force that it is reasonable to use in any situation will depend on the circumstances and the threat you are facing. Broadly, for force to be reasonable it must be 'necessary' and 'in proportion'.