

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

WHEN AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE POLICE OCCURS, ALWAYS:



- Look at the officer's badge number and name tag. Memorize as much as you can and write it down as soon as possible.
- If an officer's badge and name are not in full view, note the physical description of the officer, including race, ethnicity, height, hairstyle and color.
- Look for the Precinct Number or the Division (Transit, Housing, etc.). This can be found on the brass insignia on the officer's shirt collar.
- If you are hurt, photograph your injuries immediately and document the time and place of the injury. Seek medical attention and keep any relevant medical records.
- Make note of:
 - the number of officers present;
 - any witnesses;
 - the address at which the incident occurred;
 - when (date, time of day) the incident occurred.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED OR TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION:

- Stay silent, tell the police you want to remain silent, and ask to speak to a lawyer.
- Do not talk about the facts of your case to anyone other than a lawyer.
- Be aware that the police are permitted to lie about your situation and make false promises.
- Know that the police may listen to and record anything you say at the precinct.

IF STOPPED IN THE STREET BY POLICE:

- a. Remain clam.
- b. Do not reach into your pockets. Keep your hands where the police can see them.
- c. Ask why you are being stopped.
- d. You have the right to remain silent.
- e. You have the right to legal representation for anything that can put you in jail.
- f. It's against the law to resist a lawful arrest.
- g. Although you are not required by law to carry identification, having ID on your person may reduce your chances of being detained and arrested.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT ABOUT POLICE MISCONDUCT

Contact the Civilian Complaint Review Board by calling 311
or by visiting www.nyc.gov/html/ccrb

IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT A FRIEND OR RELATIVE WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED, CALL CENTRAL BOOKING IN YOUR BOROUGH:

Bronx (718) 590-2804

Brooklyn (718) 875-6586

Manhattan (212) 374-5256

Queens (718) 520-9311

Staten Island (718) 876-8490

**You can find the
information for any
precinct by calling 311.**

**For additional information and
resources, call 877.301.2201**

**This is New York City specific and is for
informational purposes only.
It should not be considered legal advice.**

IF POLICE COME TO YOUR HOME:

- **FIRST:** Ask to see a police badge.
- **SECOND:** Ask why they have come to your home.
- **THIRD:** If you object to having the police come inside your home, tell them you do not consent to any search of your home.
- **FOURTH:** Write down the names, badge numbers, and physical descriptions of the officers and the date and time.



- For an **ARREST WARRANT**, check the name to make sure they have the right person.
- For a **SEARCH WARRANT**, make sure they have the right address. Look on the warrant to see what they are searching for in your home.



- If the police take any of your property, they are required to give you a written receipt for it. They are not required to give you a receipt for property that the police seize as evidence of a crime. If they don't give you a receipt, ask for it.
- If you are not sure that they are really police officers, ask for the name of the highest ranking officer present at your door and a phone number where the officer's identity can be verified. Call the officer's command number to verify and establish a record of their visit. If you are unable to reach anyone, dial 911.