

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

BE AWARE OF NEW LAWS IN YOUR AREA, TRUMPED UP CHARGES AND HOW TO INTERACT WITH COPS



3 THINGS TO KNOW WHEN INTERACTING WITH POLICE



*NEVER LIE TO COPS AS IT COULD ADD TO CHARGES, BUT KNOW THAT COPS CAN AND WILL LIE TO YOU.

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DON'T TALK TO THE POLICE EVER

ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU AND OTHERS TO BUILD A CASE. INSTEAD SAY "I CHOOSE TO REMAIN SILENT".

YOU ONLY HAVE TO TELL POLICE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND DATE OF BIRTH.

MAGIC WORDS

1. I CHOOSE TO REMAIN SILENT. I WANT A LAWYER.
2. AM I UNDER ARREST? AM I BEING DETAINED?
AM I FREE TO GO?
3. I DO NOT CONSENT TO THIS SEARCH

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THINGS YOU CAN ASK

"AM I FREE TO GO?" "AM I BEING DETAINED?"
"AM I UNDER ARREST?"

IF POLICE SAY YOU ARE NOT UNDER ARREST, BUT ARE NOT FREE TO GO, THEN YOU ARE BEING DETAINED.

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DON'T CONSENT TO ANY SEARCH

SAY "I DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH" LOUDLY TO A LEGAL OBSERVER OR FRIEND TAKING NOTES. IF YOU ARE BEING DETAINED POLICE CAN PAT DOWN THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR CLOTHING.

IF THEY SEARCH ANY MORE THAN THIS SAY CLEARLY "I DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH"

WHAT RIGHTS DO I HAVE?

1ST AMENDMENT

PROTECTS YOUR RIGHT TO SPEAK FREELY AND TO ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE.

5TH AMENDMENT

GIVES EVERY PERSON THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT WHEN QUESTIONED BY ANY POLICE OFFICER OR GOVT AGENT.

4TH AMENDMENT

RESTRICTS THE GOVERNMENT'S POWER TO ENTER AND SEARCH YOUR HOME OR WORKPLACE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOW MANY EXCEPTIONS AS NEW LAWS AND EXPANDED SURVEILLANCE.