

COP STOP

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PROJECT 1033:

Teaching correct and/or nonthreatening responses when interacting with law enforcement and others in crisis situations.

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IF STOPPED BY POLICE ON THE STREET

Your hands **MUST BE** where **POLICE CAN SEE THEM**.

If asked for ID tell them **WHERE IT IS**, and **ASK PERMISSION BEFORE** reaching for it.

MOVE SLOWLY when **REACHING FOR** and **GIVING** your ID to the officer.

If you **REFUSE** to show ID, police can hold you for up to 3 days to identify you.

Remain **NON THREATENING** in your words, movements, and emotions.

You have the **RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, ANYTHING YOU SAY AND DO CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU**, and cause your **ARREST**.

REFUSING to answer questions is **NOT** a crime **BUT** can make police suspicious about you.

RUNNING from or **TOUCHING** police can lead to your arrest. **DO NOT TELL POLICE**, if you are going to file a **COMPLAINT** with their Internal Affairs or the Civilian Complaint Board.

Police MAY **"PAT DOWN"** your clothing IF they suspect a concealed weapon. **DO NOT** physically resist, **BUT** make it clear you **DO NOT CONSENT** to any **FURTHER SEARCH OF YOURSELF, YOUR CAR, OR YOUR SURROUNDING**, in a loud clear voice (especially if any witnesses are present).

STOPPED BY POLICE IN YOUR CAR

Your hands **MUST BE** where **POLICE CAN SEE THEM**-on the steering wheel, the dashboard, or if in the back seat, on the back of the front seat.

Upon request show your **DRIVER'S LICENSE, REGISTRATION & PROOF OF INSURANCE**.

IF police have **"PROBABLE CAUSE"** they **MAY SEARCH** your car **WITHOUT A WARRANT**; otherwise tell the officer **"I DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH"**.

If given a ticket **SIGN IT** or **YOU CAN BE ARRESTED**. You can fight it in court.

STOPPED BY POLICE IN YOUR HOME

IF police **KNOCK** and **ASK** to enter your home, you **GENERALLY DO NOT** have to admit them, **UNLESS** they have a **WARRANT** signed by a **JUDGE**, for **YOUR ADDRESS**, and **STATING WHAT THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR**. **HOWEVER** in **EMERGENCY** cases, like police **CHASING SOMEONE** or a **PERSON SCREAMING FOR HELP**, officers **CAN ENTER WITHOUT A WARRANT**.

STOPPED BY POLICE-ARRESTED OR TAKEN TO POLICE STATION

IF you are arrested, police **CAN SEARCH** an area **"CLOSE BY"**. In a **BUILDING**, **"CLOSE BY"** **USUALLY** means **JUST THE ROOM YOU ARE IN OR IN PLAIN VIEW**. Tell the police **NOTHING BUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS**. You have your **FIFTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**.

You have the right to know **WHY YOU ARE BEING ARRESTED**. Ask to **SPEAK TO OR SEE A LAWYER IMMEDIATELY**. **DO NOT** discuss your case with inmates in jail or **ANYONE BUT A LAWYER**.

Within three hours after your arrest, search, and booking, you have a **RIGHT TO MAKE A COMPLETE LOCAL PHONE CALL** to a **LAWYER, BAIL BONDSMAN, RELATIVE OR ANY PERSON**. Police may **NOT** listen to a call to a **LAWYER**. You **MAY** be **RELEASED WITHOUT BAIL** (O.R.ed) or have bail lowered; have your attorney ask the judge. You **MUST** be taken before a judge on the **NEXT COURT DAY AFTER YOUR ARREST**.

CONSULT A LAWYER FOR MORE COMPLETE ADVICE SINCE THE LAWS DO CHANGE.