



POLICE INTERACTIONS

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BASIC POLICE INTERACTION PROTOCOL

- Provide your name and ID, and then tell the officer that you will not answer any further questions without an attorney.
- They may press you and continue to try and get you to talk. **DO NOT** say anything other than:
 - I **DO NOT** give up my right to remain silent; Please stop questioning me until my lawyer is present
- **SERIOUSLY!** If they're asking for anything beyond the time of day, just respectfully repeat the above phrase
 - Examples
 - What are you doing out this time of night anyway?
 - What neighborhood do you live in?
 - Do you know x person?
- **DO NOT** provide consent to search any belongings (including backpacks, car, property, etc).

TIPS FOR WHEN GETTING PULLED OVER

- When you see you're being pulled over, throw on your hazards.
 - If possible, find a spot to pull over off whatever roadway you're on (If on a highway, try an exit; if on a busy parkway, try a parking lot).
- Once stopped, turn your car off immediately. Keep your hands in view on the steering wheel and look straight ahead.
 - Get your license, registration, and insurance ready before the officer arrives at your car.
 - Have your center console and glove box closed and window rolled down.
- Traffic stops can take a long time, stay calm and do not panic. Avoid sudden movements.
- **DO NOT** answer any questions from the officer and **DO NOT** give consent to have your vehicle searched.

TIPS FOR STOPS ON FOOT

- Police cannot stop you and force you to stay without reason.
- Ask the officer if you are free to leave.
 - *If they say no*, say that you will not answer any further questions without a lawyer, and then do not say anything without a lawyer.
 - *If they say yes*, you can leave whenever you want.
- **DO NOT** let the officer search any of your belongings, including yourself and anything you are carrying.

TIPS FOR POLICE AT YOUR DOOR

- **DO NOT** invite the police in, talk to them through the door.
- **DO NOT** let them search anything on the property.
- Notify the homeowner.