

POLICE ENCOUNTERS



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IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY POLICE:

STAY CALM. DON'T RUN, RESIST, OR LIE.

KEEP YOUR HANDS VISIBLE.

ASK "AM I FREE TO
LEAVE?" IF THE ANSWER
IS YES, WALK AWAY AND
SAY NOTHING.

YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO REDUCE RISK
TO YOURSELF BY
STAYING CALM AND
NOT EXHIBITING
HOSTILITY. THE
GOAL IS TO GET
HOME SAFELY.

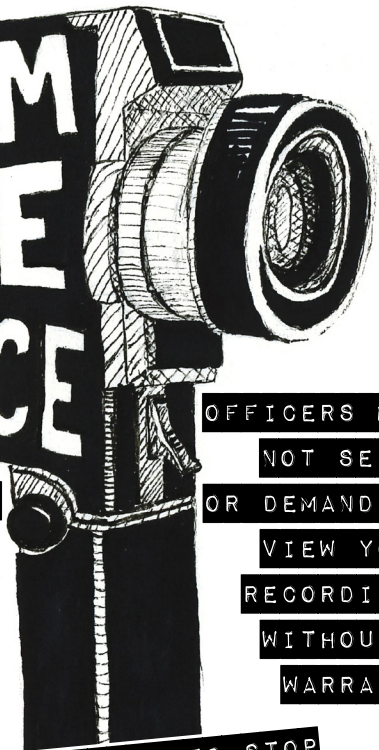


**BADGES
DON'T
GRANT
EXTRA
RIGHTS**

IF YOU SEE AN OFFICER ENGAGING IN
UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY: CALL THEM OUT,
RECORD, AND SHARE.

RECORD PUBLIC POLICE INTERACTIONS
WHEN YOU CAN.

**FILM
THE
POLICE**



STAND AT A SAFE
DISTANCE AND
RECORD WHAT
IS HAPPENING
WITHOUT
INTERFERING.

OFFICERS MAY
NOT SEIZE
OR DEMAND TO
VIEW YOUR
RECORDINGS
WITHOUT A
WARRANT.

IF AN OFFICER ORDERS YOU TO STOP
RECORDING, REMIND THEM THAT IT IS
YOUR RIGHT UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT.



IF QUESTIONED
BY THE POLICE,
REMEMBER YOU
ARE A PART
OF THEIR
INVESTIGATION.
DO NOT HELP
THEM IN PROVING
YOUR GUILT.
ASSERT YOU
ARE OBSERVING
YOUR FIFTH
AMENDMENT
RIGHT. "I PLEAD
THE FIFTH."
AND DON'T SAY
ANOTHER WORD.

IF YOU HAVE INVOKED YOUR FIFTH
AMENDMENT RIGHT AND YOU ARE STILL
PEPPERED WITH QUESTIONS, INFORM
OFFICERS YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO
YOUR ATTORNEY. THEY ARE LEGALLY
REQUIRED TO STOP TALKING TO
YOU AT THAT POINT. YOU ARE NOT
REQUIRED TO THEN GET AN ATTORNEY.

IF CONFRONTED AT THE DOOR OF
YOUR HOME, DO NOT STEP OUTSIDE
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. KEEP THE
DOOR SHUT AND LISTEN THROUGH IT.
WHILE YOU'RE IN YOUR HOME, THEY
NEED A WARRANT TO REMOVE YOU.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CANNOT LEGALLY SEARCH
YOU OR YOUR PROPERTY WITHOUT YOUR
CONSENT, A WARRANT, OR REASONABLE
SUSPICION OF A CRIME.

STATE "I DO NOT CONSENT TO
ANY SEARCHES" LOUD ENOUGH
FOR BYSTANDERS TO HEAR.

COPS ARE TAUGHT TO PHRASE QUESTIONS
LIKE STATEMENTS ("I'M GOING TO SEARCH
YOUR CAR, OKAY?") IN ORDER TO TRICK
YOU INTO GIVING CONSENT.





YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE
INFO ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
TELL PEOPLE THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS,
EVEN IF THEY HAVE BROKEN A LAW.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT
ALLOWS YOU TO ADVOCATE
FOR CHANGES TO LAWS,
AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT
HELPING WITH A CRIME
OR ASKING FOR AN
ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

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