

REMINDER: YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO RECORD POLICE

IF STOPPED BY POLICE:

- For your safety, stay calm, don't run, and keep your hands where police can see them.
- Ask if you're free to leave. If yes, calmly and silently walk away.
- If under arrest, tell the officer you wish to remain silent.
- You don't have to consent to a search of you or your belongings.

IF YOU'RE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR:

- Stop the car in a safe place as quickly as possible. Turn off the engine, turn on the internal light, open the window part way, and place your hands on the wheel.
- If requested, show your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.
- If an officer asks to look inside your car, you can refuse. But if police believe your car contains evidence of a crime they can search it without your consent.
- Both drivers and passengers have the right to remain silent. If you're a passenger, you can ask if you are free to leave.

IF POLICE COME TO YOUR HOME:

- If they do not have a warrant, you do not have to let them in unless there's a real and urgent need to enter, like if a person inside the house is in imminent danger.
- Ask them to show you the warrant. Officers can only search the areas and for the items listed on the warrant. An arrest warrant allows police to enter the home of the person listed on the warrant if they believe the person is inside.
- Even if officers have a warrant, you may remain silent.

IF YOU FEEL YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED:

- Write down the officers' badge and patrol car numbers, agency, and other details.
- Collect contact information from witnesses, and take photos.
- Consult with a lawyer and consider filing with the agency's internal affairs division and civilian complaint board.

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STOPPED BY POLICE

Know Your Rights Stopped By Police:

www.aclu-il.org/KYRPolice

Know Your Rights as a Bystander:

www.aclu-il.org/KYRPoliceBystander

Find More Know Your Rights Information:

www.aclu-il.org/KYR

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED:

- For your safety, do not resist arrest.
- Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer.
- If you cannot afford a lawyer, you have the right to a free one.
- Don't say anything, sign anything, or make any decisions without a lawyer.
- You have the right to make 3 free phone calls. The police should not listen if you call a lawyer.

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