

You have the right to remain silent

You don't have to answer any questions without your attorney present, especially if the questions are about your citizenship status or where you were born. If you wish to exercise your right, tell the officer "I wish to remain silent"



You do not have to consent to a search

Let the officer know that you do not consent to a search. This may not stop an officer from patting you down but make your opposition known, "I do not consent to a search"

Special Protections for Youth and Young Adults

If you are under the age of 15 police cannot interrogate you if you have not consulted with an attorney. In SF this special protection is extended to youth who are 18 years old or younger.



KNOW
YOUR
RIGHTS

If you believe that your rights were violated

Write down everything you remember, including officers' badges and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and any other details. Get contact information for witnesses.

You have the right to an attorney

Most importantly, if you are arrested by police, you have the right to an attorney. If you can't afford an attorney, you can ask for government-appointed attorney.



Contact Us

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