IF YOU ARE STOPPED FOR QUESTIONING

1. Ask if you are under arrest. If you are, you have a right to know why.
2. If you are given a ticket, you should sign it; otherwise it will be returned void.
3. What you say can be used against you, and it can give the police an excuse to arrest you, especially if you bad-mouth a police officer.
4. Ask to see a lawyer immediately. If you can't pay for a lawyer, contact the ACLU's national hotline.

IF YOU'RE ARRESTED OR TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION

1. It's not a crime to refuse to answer questions, but refusing may make the police suspicious about you. If you are asked to identify yourself, see paragraph 2 above.
2. Booking, you have the right to make a local phone call: to a lawyer, bail bondsman, a relative or any other person. The police may not listen to the call to the lawyer.
3. Don’t physically resist, but make it clear that you don’t consent to any further search.
4. Don’t say anything without a lawyer.
5. If you're arrested, the police can search you and the area close by. If you are in a building, “close by” usually means just the room you are in.

IF YOU HAVE A POLICE ENCOUNTER, YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF.

KEEP THIS CARD HANDY!

1. Write down everything about your case and the officers involved.
2. Ask for a lawyer.
3. Keep your hands where the police can see them.
4. Don’t get into an argument with the police.
5. Don’t complain about your words, movement, body language, and emotions.
6. Don’t try to deal with the situation at the scene. You can talk to a lawyer afterwards, or file a complaint with the police.
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We Believe Our Rights and Responsibilities are Inseparably Linked.

If you believe what is happening is unreasonable. That could lead to your arrest.

What To Do If You're Stopped By The Police

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