

Know your legal rights Keep this card handy!

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STATEMENT FOR POLICE

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My Rights: **1** Silence (see over). **2** I can say "NO" if the police ask permission to search me or my things. Saying "NO" does not mean I have something to hide. **3** I can leave unless I am being detained or arrested. **4** If I am being detained or arrested, I have a right to know why, and a right to speak privately to a lawyer without delay - even if I can't afford to pay. **5** I can only be strip-searched in private and by officers of the same sex. **6** I have a right to know a police officer's name and badge number. **7** I can report a police officer who abuses me, swears at me, or violates my rights.

inside

Officer, if I am under arrest or being detained, please tell me so. If I am free to go, please tell me so. If I am not free to go, please tell me why. I wish to exercise all my legal rights including my right to silence and my right to speak to a lawyer before I say anything to you. I do not consent to be searched. I wish to be released without delay. Please do not ask me questions, because I will not willingly talk to you until I speak to a lawyer.



Thank you for respecting my rights

POLICE ARREST: Silence is Golden

Each situation is different and you must use your common sense. Stay calm and remember everything that happens. Remember your rights!

1 Silence: I can refuse to talk to police or answer their questions, unless I am in a bar or a cinema, driving a car, or they say I broke the law. In those cases, I must give my name, birthdate and address, or show my ID, but I do not have to say any more.

you are stopped by police against your will, give them the top part of is card or read it out. Then, do not say anything until you talk to a lawyer.

**For Legal Aid call 1-866-458-5500 (1-866-458-3300 outside Lower Mainland)
To report a police officer to the Police Complaint Commission call: 1-800-665-6878**

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Your local legal aid number here and Police Complaint Commission number here. These numbers are for Vancouver. Every province has its own 1-800 numbers. Also, if you are a legal aid organization or law firm, you might want to put your number here.