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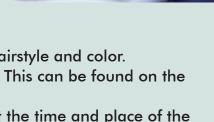
WHEN AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE POLICE OCCURS, ALWAYS:



- If an officer's badge and name are not in full view, note the physical description of the officer, including race, ethnicity, height, hairstyle and color.
- Look for the Precinct Number or the Division (Transit, Housing, etc.). This can be found on the brass insignia on the officer's shirt collar.
- If you are hurt, photograph your injuries immediately and document the time and place of the injury. Seek medical attention and keep any relevant medical records.
- Make note of:
 - the number of officers present;
 - any witnesses;
 - the address at which the incident occurred;
 - when (date, time of day) the incident occurred.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED OR TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION:

- Stay silent, tell the police you want to remain silent, and ask to speak to a lawyer.
- Do not talk about the facts of your case to anyone other than a lawyer.
- Be aware that the police are permitted to lie about your situation and make false promises.
- Know that the police may listen to and record anything you say at the precinct.



IF STOPPED IN THE STREET BY POLICE:

- a. Remain clam.
- b. Do not reach into your pockets. Keep your hands where the police can see them.
- c. Ask why you are being stopped.
- d. You have the right to remain silent.
- e. You have the right to legal representation for anything that can put you in jail.
- f. It's against the law to resist a lawful arrest.
- g. Although you are not required by law to carry identification, having ID on your person may reduce your chances of being detained and arrested.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT ABOUT POLICE MISCONDUCT

Contact the Civilian Complaint Review Board by calling 311 or by visiting www.nyc.gov/html/ccrb

IF YOU NEED
INFORMATION ABOUT A
FRIEND OR RELATIVE WHO
HAS BEEN ARRESTED, CALL
CENTRAL BOOKING IN
YOUR BOROUGH:

Bronx (718) 590-2804 Brooklyn (718) 875-6586 Manhattan (212) 374-5256 Queens (718) 520-9311 Staten Island (718) 876-8490

You can find the information for any precinct by calling 311.

For additional information and resources, call 877.301.2201

This is New York City specific and is for informational purposes only. It should not be considered legal advice.

IF POLICE COME TO YOUR HOME:

- FIRST: Ask to see a police badge.
- SECOND: Ask why they have come to your home.
- THIRD: If you object to having the police come inside your home, tell them you do not consent to any search of your home.
- FOURTH: Write down the names, badge numbers, and physical descriptions of the officers and the date and time.



- For an ARREST WARRANT, <u>check</u> the name to make sure they have the right person.
- For a SEARCH WARRANT, make sure they have the right address. <u>Look</u> on the warrant to see what they are searching for in your home.



- If the police take any of your property, they are required to give you a written receipt for it. They are not required to give you a receipt for property that the police seize as evidence of a crime. If they don't give you a receipt, ask for it.
- If you are not sure that they are really police officers, ask for the name of the highest ranking officer present at your door and a phone number where the officer's identity can be verified. Call the officer's command number to verify and establish a record of their visit. If you are unable to reach anyone, dial 911.