



RIGHTS ON SHOW

Explaining your rights with police when under arrest



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This is general information. It does not replace legal advice. Free legal advice 1300 366 424.

UNDER ARREST?



Police can arrest you if they think you have broken the law.



Also, police can arrest you if they think you are about to break the law.



Arrest means police stop you and make you go with them. You cannot leave.



Police must tell you that you are under arrest.



If you are under arrest, do not try to run away.

Do not fight police or swear at them.

Stay calm and polite.



If you are under arrest police can stop you fighting or running away.

They can put handcuffs on you.



If you think police use too much force you have the right to complain.



If you are under arrest police may search you.

Anything they find can be evidence.



If you are under arrest police will tell you your rights.



Police can record anything you say. They must tell you about this.



You have the right to make a telephone call to let someone know where you are.



You have the right to have an interpreter help you. This is for people who do not speak English.



If police charge you with a crime you have the right to ask for bail.



This means police will let you go if you promise to come to court later. Bail is not given to everyone.



If you are given bail, you have to follow special rules called bail conditions.



Ask police to explain your bail conditions. If you still don't understand ask a lawyer to explain your bail conditions.



You have a right to not answer police questions if you don't want to.



This means you do not have to answer police questions unless they are questions about your name, date of birth and address.



If police say you must answer certain questions get legal advice first.



You can get free legal advice by calling the Legal Help Line on **1300 366 424**.

The Legal Help Line is open from 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. It's not open on weekends.



If you have been arrested for a serious crime you can get legal advice on the telephone at night time and on weekends.

Ask police to call a lawyer for you.



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GET LEGAL ADVICE



If you are under arrest you have the right to get legal advice.

This means you can talk to a lawyer before police ask you questions.



Your lawyer works for you not police.

Your lawyer can explain the law to you.

Your lawyer can tell you whether you have to answer any questions.



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You can also hire a private lawyer for a fee.



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POLICE QUESTIONS



If police think that you have broken the law they will ask you questions.

You do not have to answer their questions except for name, date of birth and address.



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You can ask for a support person. This can be family or a friend or a community worker.

This person can be your support person when police ask you questions.



You should speak to a lawyer before you answer questions.

You can also have a lawyer sitting with you when police ask you questions.



It is ok to use a communication device when police ask you questions.



It is okay to use a communication partner when the police ask you questions.



A communication partner can help you speak with police.

They do not work for police.

They do not tell you what to say.



Police might ask you a lot of questions.

It is okay not to answer.

You can use your right to not answer police questions.



It is okay not to answer police questions even if you have help.



Police will record the questions they ask you and what you say back.

They will use a video camera.



Police can show other people the video if they need to know what you said.



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