

What To Do If The Police Want To Talk

▶ **STEP 1: STAY COOL**

Many people feel anxious, defensive, or upset with police. You are already ahead, because you have learned many techniques to stay cool.

▶ **STEP 2: ASK**

You can ask the police why they want to speak to you. You can also ask a staff person to ask the police why they want to speak with you.

▶ **STEP 3: CALL THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN (OOTO)**

If you are in placement, call OOTO before speaking with the police. Tell a staff person to place the call for you.

▶ **STEP 4: YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**

Always give your name and address if the police ask. Other than that, you do not have to say anything more. You can always say: "I want to remain silent", or, "I don't want to talk without an attorney."

▶ **STEP 5: DO NOT LIE**

If you choose to say something to police, no matter what you say, do not lie. Lying to the police has serious consequences.



▶ **STEP 1: IF POLICE HAVE A WARRANT, READ IT**

Sometimes (although not always), the police will arrest you with an arrest warrant. Ask to read it to make sure your name and address are on it.

▶ **STEP 2: ASK THE POLICE TO CALL YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

If you are under 18 and the police arrest you outside of placement, an adult should know. Ask the police to call your parent(s) or the person(s) responsible for you. In some cases, police must make this call.

Call the Ombudsman's Office

1.888.219.9818



What If The Police Arrest You?