

# WINNIPEG COPWATCH CAMERA RIGHTS CARD

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## STATEMENT FOR POLICE WHEN TAKING FOOTAGE OR PHOTOGRAPHS

### CAMERAS AND MY RIGHTS

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

If police want to take your camera against your will, give them the top part of this card or read it out.

**My rights** ❶ I have the right to take photographs and footage on public property including of police, vehicles, and equipment as long as I'm not interfering with police.

(see other side for more....)

Officer, if you are confiscating my camera...

- as an incident to my arrest, please tell me why I am being arrested. I wish to exercise all my legal rights including my right to speak to a lawyer before I say anything to you.
- because you have a warrant to search me, please let me read the warrant, and show me where my name is written, the date, and what it says you are looking for.
- because you believe it contains evidence of a crime that is in danger of being destroyed, please explain why you believe this.

I do not consent to the confiscation and will not give you my camera unless I am legally obligated to do so.

Thank you for respecting my rights.



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- ❷ I never have to delete photos or footage from my camera, or have police or private security guards delete my footage. ❸ I have the right to not have my camera seized without a good reason, like my arrest, or a search warrant. I have the right to know why my camera has been seized. ❹ I can record private property if I'm standing on public property. ❺ If I am under arrest, I must give my name, birthdate, and address, or show my ID, but I do not have to say any more or answer any questions. ❻ I have a right to know a police officer's name and badge number. ❼ I can report a police officer who violates my rights.