

Winnipeg Copwatch

a rights card from

Your rights when you are arrested by police

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STATEMENT FOR POLICE

POLICE ARREST: SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Each situation is different. Use your common sense.
Some of your rights are listed on the back of this card. Police are supposed to respect these rights.

If you are arrested by police stay calm and quiet. If they ask, give your name, address, and birth date. If you are driving, show your license.

Then, **do not say anything** until you talk to a lawyer. If they command you to do something, politely ask why, and then do it silently. Call a lawyer as soon as possible.

To speak to a lawyer in Manitoba call 1-800-672-1043

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Officer, if I am under arrest or being detained, 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.

- 1 I can refuse to talk to the police or answer their questions.
- 2 I can ask the police "Am I free to go?" If I am not, I can ask why.
- 3 If I am arrested or detained, I can insist on my right to speak to a lawyer as soon as possible.
- 4 I can ask a police officer to tell me their name or badge number.
- 5 I can get advice from a lawyer even if I can't afford to pay.
- 6 Before the police search my car, belongings, or body, I can ask why and what they are looking for. Police cannot come into my house without showing me a warrant unless they're chasing someone.
- 7 I can insist that a strip search be private and only seen by members of the same sex.

If the police do not honour your rights, do not physically resist or fight back. Contact a lawyer as soon as you can.

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