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Your rights while taking photographs or videorecording

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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. Try to 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, and any private property I have right of access to, including of police, vehicles, and equipment, as long as I'm not interfering with police. (more rights on the other side....)


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

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perforation

Officer, if you are confiscating my camera...

- because I am under 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 seizure of my equipment and will not give you my camera unless I am legally obligated to do so.



Thank you for respecting my rights.

- ❷ Police and private security never have the right to delete photos or footage from my camera, or to tell me to do so.
- ❸ I have the right not to have my camera seized unless I have been arrested, the police have a warrant to seize it, or they feel it contains evidence at risk of being destroyed.
- ❹ I can generally record private property if I'm on public property.
- ❺ I don't have to answer police questions or talk to them unless I'm under arrest.
- ❻ If I am under arrest, I must identify myself to police, but I do not have to say any more or answer any questions. I can ask to be told why I'm under arrest.
- ❼ I can report a police officer who violates my rights.

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