

RIGHTS and RULES



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Part 3



Rules That Protect Me

There are things you should DO if the police want to ask you questions. We will go over them one at a time.

Do Rule #1

STAY CALM!

Try This:

- A. Take a double breath.**
- B. Hold it and count to 3.**
- C. Breathe out very slowly.**
- D. Do this 3 times.**

Do Rule #2

***Know your address and
phone number***

The **ONLY** question you should answer without your lawyer or support person present is:

Your name

Your address and

Your telephone number.

Now Let's Practice!

Do Rule #3

***Ask To Show Your
Identification!***

**Sally Smith
2222 Horn Avenue
My Home, North Carolina**

**Contact: Support Staff
at (111) 333-3333**

Show Your Identification Card

It is very, very important to carry a photo identification card with you all the time so you can show the officer information about yourself.

Tell the officer you have an identification card. If you do not have one, it is important to get one so the police will know who you are.

Do Rule #4

Ask For a Lawyer



Say “I Need a Lawyer”

The most important thing you may learn today is to say: **“I NEED A LAWYER”**

Let’s say it together.

One, two, three **“I NEED A LAWYER”**

Say it again, louder.

One, two, three **“I NEED A LAWYER”**

Let’s say it one more time.

One, two, three **“I NEED A LAWYER”**

Do Rule #5

Tell Police You Have A Disability

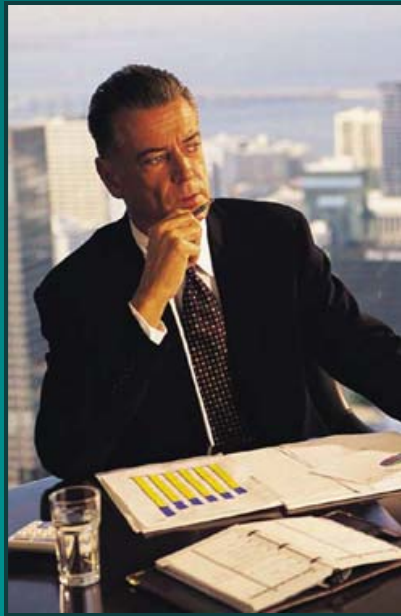


Tell Police You Have a Disability

- 1. Everyone has something that is hard for them to do.**
- 2. You may not usually tell people that you have a disability, but it is important for the police to know.**
- 3. If you tell the police you have a disability, they won't accidentally treat you unfairly. You should not try to hide your disability from the police.**

What is the Difference . . .

Between a:



Lawyer

and an



Attorney?

Do Rule #6

Ask To Make A Phone Call



Ask to Make a Phone Call

- 1. If the police want to talk to you, ask to make a telephone call. Most police officers will let you.**
- 2. Always keep a list of names and phone numbers of your family, support people, and friends with you.**

Do the Rules

- **DO stay calm**
- **DO tell your name, address and phone number**
- **DO show identification card**
- **DO say, “I NEED A LAWYER”**
- **DO tell the police you have a disability**
- **DO ask to make a phone call**

Don't Rule #1

Don't Run! Don't Try to Leave!



WHY?

Why?

If you run or try to leave, the police may think you are guilty. They could arrest you even if you are innocent of a crime. If they think you did something real bad and you might hurt someone, they could even shoot you to keep you from getting away.

Don't Rule #2

Don't Get Mad!



Don't Get Mad

Use the calm down exercise to keep from getting mad.

- **Take a double breath**
- **Hold it and count to 3**
- **Breathe out very slowly**

Don't Rule #3

Don't Resist Arrest



Don't Resist Arrest

Resisting arrest means a person is trying to keep from being arrested by fighting, running, arguing, or not cooperating. It is against the law to resist arrest. You can be put in jail for that.

Don't Rule #4

Don't Talk Without a Lawyer!



Don't Talk Without A Lawyer!

Remember. You should always say “I NEED A LAWYER.” The rules say you do not have to talk to the police without your lawyer there. The police should not get mad at you because it is your RIGHT.

Don't Rule #5

Don't Sign Anything!



Don't Sign Anything!

The rules say you do not have to sign anything. The police should not get mad at you if you don't sign your name because that is your RIGHT.

Do Say "I NEED A LAWYER."

Don't Rule #6

Don't Hide Your Disability



Don't Hide Your Disability

What would you say to a police officer to tell him you have a disability?

The Don't Rules

- **Don't Run. Don't Try to Leave.**
- **Don't Get Mad.**
- **Don't Resist Arrest.**
- **Don't Talk Without a Lawyer.**
- **Don't Sign Anything.**
- **Don't Hide Your Disability.**

**If you are
arrested,
you will be
handcuffed
behind
your back.**



**You should always try to stay
away from unsafe people and
places.**

**But if you are ever in trouble,
ask someone you trust for
help.**

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