#Know Your Rights

Interacting with Police in Schools

Use these tips to stay safe:

Stay calm. Do your best to be respectful, even if you think you are being treated unfairly.

Ask for a lawyer. You have the right to ask for a lawyer if you are being questioned and a police officer is present.

You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to say anything, give a written statement, or sign any papers, even if a school adult is questioning you.

Did you know?

- If you are arrested at school or sent home by police, you should not be sent home without a suspension letter.
- If you have not been given paperwork that says that you are suspended, then you should go to school the next day.

Interacting with police can be scary!

Knowing your rights can help keep you safe and give you time to make a plan for what comes next.

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