

STATEMENT FOR POLICE

My Rights: ① Silence ② I can say “NO” if the police ask permission to search me or my things. Saying “NO” does not mean I have something to hide ③ I can leave unless I am being detained or arrested ④ If I am being detained or arrested, I have a right to know why, and a right to speak privately to a lawyer without delay – even if I can’t afford to pay ⑤ I can only be strip-searched in private by officers of the same sex ⑥ I have a right to know a police officer’s name and badge number ⑦ I can report a police officer who abuses me, swears at me, or violates my rights.

Officer, if I am under arrest or being detained, please tell me so. If I am free to go, 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.

To speak to a lawyer call: Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services at 622-1413
AFTER HOURS: 626-6393, Ask for Celina

If you are stopped by the police against your will, give the other side of this card or read it out. Then, do not say anything until you talk to a lawyer.
I am in a bar or a cinema, driving a car, or they say I broke the law. In those cases, I must give my name, birthdate and address, or show ID, but I do not have to say any more.

① Silence: I can refuse to talk to police or answer their questions, unless

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

POLICE ARREST: Silence is Golden



IF YOU'RE STOPPED BY THE POLICE.

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