

A Guide to Police Encounters

<p>RULE No. 1 Don't get shot!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police are most often nervous about suspects possessing guns. Don't do anything that will make them feel like you may be armed. • Don't run. Stay as calm as you can manage. • Keep your hands where the police can see them
<p>RULE No. 2 Don't get arrested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never carry a gun in New York unless you have a license. • Check your belongings before leaving your home and make sure there's nothing in there that could get you arrested. • If you carry a knife, even if only for self-defense, it could lead to an arrest.
<p>RULE No. 3 <i>(if you're getting arrested)</i> Don't make it any worse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just say "I want a lawyer." If you're under 18, also ask for your parent or guardian to be present during questioning. • Don't lie to the police or provide a fake name. You can be charged for a crime. • Police are allowed to search you after arrest.

A FEW MORE TIPS:

NYPD officers must provide a business card with their name, number and precinct if they stop you and do not arrest or give you a summons.

If NYPD has no legal justification for a search, they must ask for your consent to search your person, home or car. They must record your response and if it's recorded on a body cam you can find the footage here: <http://bit.ly/BWCfoil>

You are allowed to record police activity as long as you don't interfere with their work. Record or write down anything you can remember: Badge numbers, squad car numbers, potential witnesses and any injuries you may have suffered

To make a complaint, call and file a complaint with NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau (212) 741-8401 or Civil Complaint Review Board – 1-800-341-2272 or file a complaint online: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ccrb/complaints/file-online.page>

If you know someone under 18 who has been arrested, is wanted by the police, or has a summons to criminal or family court then please call or email Sandeep Kandhari at SKandhari@cfny.org or (646) 300-1058