

**UNDER 18?
QUESTIONED OR ARRESTED
BY POLICE?**

1. You should give your correct name, age and address. Ask if you are free to go. If they say no, they may be arresting you.
2. Ask why you are being arrested. You have a right to know.
3. Before the police can charge you, they must consider the following alternatives: They can:
 - a. Let you go.
 - b. Give you a warning.
 - c. Caution you (and even your parents) on the spot or at the police station.
 - d. If there are grounds for a charge, and if you agree, refer you to a community program.
4. If the police officer does not mention these alternatives, politely ask about the alternatives.
5. You have the right to call a lawyer AND a parent or adult that you trust. The police must give you the phone number for a lawyer. You get as many calls as you need.
6. Get advice from a lawyer before you say anything to the police. You have a right to have a lawyer with you if you decide to say anything.
7. The police can't carry out threats or promises to make you say or write anything.

**24 hour Legal Aid Lawyers 1-800-268-8326 or
(police must give you this #) (416) 947-3330**

**Justice for Children & Youth (416) 920-1633
(outside GTA) 1-866-999-5329**

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