

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE POLICE

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Driver's Responsibility When Stopped

1. Turn down radio / at night turn on the dome light.
2. Upon request produce your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.
3. Be polite and respectful.
4. Do not argue, be calm.
5. Keep your hands visible or on the steering wheel.
6. Stay in your vehicle unless requested to do otherwise.
7. Provide truthful information, failure to do so could result in a ticket or arrest.
8. Do not interfere with, touch or obstruct the Police; you could be arrested.
9. If you feel your rights are being violated, request for a supervisor to come to the scene.
10. If you have a CPL and you are armed, inform the Officer immediately.



Driver's Rights When Stopped

1. To have reason for the stop explained, after producing identification.
2. To know officers name and badge number.
3. To be treated with courtesy and respect.
4. To get medical attention, if needed.
5. To contest the traffic violation in court, not during the traffic stop.
6. In certain cases, your car can be searched without a warrant as long as police have a probable cause.
7. If arrested, you have the right to remain silent and talk to a lawyer before talking to the police (other than basic information).
8. If arrested, you have a right to know why.
9. If you feel your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with the police department or request a supervisor to the scene.