KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:
What To Do If You’re Stopped By The Police

If You’re Stopped by the Police...

• Stay Calm, Stay in Control.
• Do NOT Run Away!
• If Questioned, You Have the Right to Remain Silent. Say You Wish to Remain Silent! (In some states, you must identify yourself if asked.)
• If Searched, Say: “I Do Not Consent to a Search.”
• Ask: “Am I Free to Leave?”
• If Arrested, Ask for Your Parent/Guardian & a Lawyer Immediately
• You do not have to tell the police about your immigration status.
• Remember What Happened, Write it Down, and Tell Your Parent or Guardian

Keep this card handy!
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We all recognize the need for effective law enforcement, but be aware of your rights and responsibilities. Read this card. Know what to do if you are stopped, searched, arrested, or injured by law enforcement.

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A Police Officer is Allowed to...

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- **Pat down clothing** only if they believe you have a weapon or illegal items.
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