

# Do you know what to say When Law Enforcement Approaches You?



**You have the right to remain silent**

5TH AMENDMENT

If approached by law enforcement for random questioning, you can say: **"Officer, I am going to remain silent."** \*

\*Outside of a traffic stop or narrow ID requirement, you can politely refuse to answer random questions. Double-check if your state is a **pedestrian ID law** state. This permits police to demand that a person who has been lawfully stopped for suspected criminal activity disclose their identity (usually name, sometimes address, or date of birth).

**You have the right to an attorney, if arrested**

6TH AMENDMENT

If arrested by law enforcement you can say: **"Officer, I would like to speak to my attorney before answering any questions."**

**You have the right to document an encounter**

1ST AMENDMENT

Record names, badge numbers, dates, times, and say: **"Officer, I am going to record this interaction."**

**You have the right to refuse a search of your property**

4TH AMENDMENT

If approached at home without a search warrant, say: **"Officer, I do not consent to this search, you do not have permission to enter my home without a warrant."**

**You have the right to know if you are free to go**

4TH AMENDMENT

If you have been detained for questioning without a formal arrest, you can ask: **"Officer, am I being detained, or am I free to leave?"**

**Your Rights.  
Our Fight.**

If you believe your rights were violated, **report the incident to CAIR immediately!**

To Report An Incident  
Scan the QR Code  
[pa.cair.com/report/](https://pa.cair.com/report/)  
Call 267-515-6710

