

# Tips For Interacting With The Police

Being stopped by a police officer may seem intimidating but the following tips will help ensure a positive interaction.

## When Stopped On The Street

- 1** Do Not Run.
- 2** Make sure you identify yourself to the police officer.
- 3** Be respectful to the officer. Do not use profane language and do not walk away even if you believe you were wrongly stopped. The street is not the place to argue your case. Survive the encounter and file an official complaint at a later time.
- 4** Depending on the situation, the officer may have reasonable suspicion that you are carrying an illegal substance and may initiate a frisk - a pat down search for hidden weapons and /or illegal substances. Comply with officer's requests unless they pose a threat to your safety. If they do, state your concerns to the officer and immediately request to speak with the officer's immediate supervisor and file a complaint.



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