Atrests: School police can arrest in school and on school grounds if they believe a student has committed a crime.

Searches: School police might ask to search your personal belongings, your locker, or your desk/personal area in a classroom.

Investigation: School police
 might want to ask you questions,
 even if you haven't done anything
 wrong.

 Student discipline: School police might work with other school aults and be present when they are questioning you.

> You might find yourself dealing with school police in a few different situations:

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regarding students with

unfairly arrested, contact:

If you think that you have been

disabilities, contact:

For more information

the Public Defender

Maryland Office of



Your school may have regular school police officers, safety officers, or other adults in uniform in your school.



Any time you interact with police, it is important to know your rights!

Interacting with Police in Schools

#Know Your Rights

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Use these tips to stay safe:



**Stay calm.** Do your best to be respectful, even if you think you are being treated unfairly.



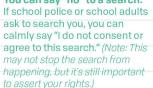
Ask for a lawyer. You have the right to ask for a lawyer if you are being questioned and a police officer is present.



You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to say anything, give a written statement, or sign any papers, even if a school adult is questioning you.

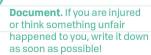


You can say "no" to a search.





Call an adult you trust.
Call as soon as you can and let them know where you are.



Include the date, time, names of people involved, and other details.



- → If you are arrested at school or sent home by police, you should not be sent home without a suspension letter.
- → If you have not been given paperwork that says that you are suspended, then you should go to school the next day.

Make your own card!

STEP 1
Cut on the

dotted line

Fold on the solid line

Learn more about suspension rights at wideanglemedia.org/ know-your-rights



#KNOWYOURRIGHTS

Interacting

with police can

be scary!

Knowing your rights can

help keep you safe and give

you time to make a plan for

what comes next.







