

<div data-bbox="220 121 325 203"></div> <p>→ <b>Arrests:</b> School police can arrest in school and on school grounds if they believe a student has committed a crime.</p> <p>→ <b>Searches:</b> School police might ask to search your personal belongings, your locker, or your desk/personal area in a classroom.</p> <p>→ <b>Investigation:</b> School police might want to ask you questions, even if you haven't done anything wrong.</p> <p>→ <b>Student discipline:</b> School police might work with other school adults and be present when they are questioning you.</p> <div data-bbox="262 600 583 698"> <p><b>You might find yourself dealing with school police in a few different situations:</b></p> </div>	<div data-bbox="688 321 991 665"> <p><b>#Know Your Rights</b></p> <p>Interacting with Police in Schools</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1102 170 1417 673"> <p><b>If you think that you have been unfairly arrested, contact:</b></p> <p>Maryland Office of the Public Defender (443) 873-3531</p> <p><b>For more information regarding students with disabilities, contact:</b></p> <p>Disability Rights Maryland (410) 727-6352</p> <p><b>Wide Angle Youth Media</b></p> <p><small>Created by students in a Wide Angle Youth Media program in collaboration with Disability Rights Maryland (formerly Maryland Disability Law Center). Supported by the Open Society Institute-Baltimore.</small></p> </div>	<p><b>Any time you interact with police, it is important to know your rights!</b></p> <p>→ Your school may have regular school police officers, safety officers, or other adults in uniform in your school.</p>	
<div data-bbox="304 885 472 1015"></div> <p><b>Interacting with police can be scary!</b></p> <p>Knowing your rights can help keep you safe and give you time to make a plan for what comes next.</p> <p><b>#KNOWYOURRIGHTS</b></p>	<p><b>Use these tips to stay safe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stay calm.</b> Do your best to be respectful, even if you think you are being treated unfairly.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ask for a lawyer.</b> You have the right to ask for a lawyer if you are being questioned and a police officer is present.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>You have the right to remain silent.</b> You do not have to say anything, give a written statement, or sign any papers, even if a school adult is questioning you.</li> </ul> <p><i>"I'm using my right to remain SILENT"</i></p>	<p><b>no</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>You can say "no" to a search.</b> If school police or school adults ask to search you, you can calmly say "I do not consent or agree to this search." (Note: This may not stop the search from happening, but it's still important to assert your rights.)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Call an adult you trust.</b> Call as soon as you can and let them know where you are.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Document.</b> If you are injured or think something unfair happened to you, write it down as soon as possible! Include the date, time, names of people involved, and other details.</li> </ul> <p><i>mom?</i></p>	<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ If you are arrested at school or sent home by police, you should not be sent home without a suspension letter.</li> <li>→ If you have not been given paperwork that says that you are suspended, then you should go to school the next day.</li> </ul> <p>Learn more about suspension rights at <a href="http://wideanglemedia.org/know-your-rights">wideanglemedia.org/know-your-rights</a></p>

