

# Important Info

- **DO NOT** try to talk your way out of a situation.
- If the Police want to search your home, you have the right to "say no". If they have a paper signed by a Judge called a Search Warrant or they insist on searching your home, you must let them in.
- Even if the Police have a Search Warrant, **DO NOT** answer any questions without a Lawyer present.
- The Police can hold you for **72 hours (3 days)** for questioning. After that, they must arrest you or let you go.
- **DO NOT** answer any questions no matter how long they hold you.
- If you appear before a Judge, ask for a free Lawyer.
- **Never** plead guilty without the advice of a Lawyer.

**Anything you say can and will be used against you.**

**You have the right to remain silent.**

Fill out the card below and keep it with you.

**My name is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If I'm picked up by the Police, please**

**call:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#** \_\_\_\_\_

**or** \_\_\_\_\_

**#** \_\_\_\_\_

**I receive services from:**

\_\_\_\_\_

# Mission Statement:

The Oklahoma Parents Center is dedicated to the equality of children and adults with disabilities. Our mission is to train, inform, educate and support parents, families, professionals and consumers in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages birth through twenty-six.



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# What to do if you get Arrested!



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# Questions & Answers About Getting Arrested

## What do I do if a Police Officer comes to me and asks me questions?

DO NOT answer the Police questions!

Only give them your name and someone they can contact. Even if they just want to ask you questions, DO NOT answer without a lawyer present.

## What are Miranda Rights?

They are the rights the Police MUST read to you when they arrest you.

The Police will say:

- I am Police Officer. Do you understand?
- You have the right to remain silent. Do you understand?
- You have the right to have an attorney present during questioning. Do you understand that?
- If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you. Do you understand that?
- Knowing your rights in this matter, are you willing to talk with me now?

# SAY NO!!!

**DO NOT TALK...without talking to a lawyer!!!**

## Do I have to answer any of the questions while the Police are saying the Miranda Rights?

No

## Are a Lawyer and an Attorney the same thing?

Yes

## Even if I did not do anything, can I get a free Lawyer?

- Yes, if you are being held or charged as a suspect for a felony.
- No, if you are being held as a suspect for a misdemeanor.

## What's the difference between a Felony and a Misdemeanor?

- A felony is a serious crime, like murder or armed robbery.
- A misdemeanor is a less serious crime, like hitting someone or taking something from someone's purse.

## Do I get a free telephone call?

Usually

A telephone call is a courtesy the Police give you. It is not a right. The Police decide within a reasonable amount of time when you get to make a call.

## What can my Parent or Guardian do if I get arrested?

Not much

Your parent or guardian has no more rights than you do. Your parent or guardian should contact an attorney or public defender as soon as possible.

## Are there times when I should talk to the Police?

Yes

- Any time you are in trouble or need help; or
- If you call the Police and they come to help you.

**If you don't understand, it is best not to talk at all until you see the JUDGE!!!**

**ASK FOR A LAWYER.  
SIT DOWN.  
BE QUIET.**

**YOU HAVE  
THE RIGHT TO  
REMAIN SILENT.**

**THIS IS FOR  
YOUR OWN  
PROTECTION.**