

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE **STOPPED BY THE POLICE**

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1 PULL OVER

Stop the car in a safe place, as soon as feasibly possible. If you are in an unsafe location, turn on your hazards, so the police officer knows you intend to pull over.

2 KEEP YOUR HANDS ON THE WHEEL

Turn off the car, turn on the internal light, open the window part way and place your hands on the steering wheel. Do not reach for your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance until the officer asks.

3 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

Both drivers and passengers have the right to remain silent. If you are a passenger, you can ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says yes, sit silently or calmly leave. Even if the officer says no, you have the right to remain silent.

4 DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH

You do not have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings, but police may "pat down" your clothing if they suspect a weapon. You should not physically resist, but you have the right to refuse consent for any further search, which can harm your case in court.

5 DO NOT RESIST

Stay calm. Don't run. Don't argue, resist or obstruct the police, even if you are innocent. If you believe your rights are being violated, note the officer's name and badge number.

6 ASK IF YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE.

Ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says no and places you under arrest, you have every right to ask why.

7 CONTACT SHEELEY LAW

You have the right to a lawyer if you are arrested. Ask for one immediately and contact Sheeley Law at 401-619-5555.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE **ARRESTED**

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1 DID THE POLICE READ YOU YOUR RIGHTS?

Pay attention to whether or not the officer reads you your rights. If they did not, inform your lawyer immediately.

2 DO NOT RESIST

Do not resist arrest, even if you believe the arrest is unfair.

3 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately. Don't give any explanations or excuses. Don't say anything, sign anything or make any decisions without an experienced criminal defense lawyer by your side.

4 CONTACT SHEELEY LAW

You have the right to make a local phone call. The police cannot listen in on a call with your attorney. Ask for one immediately and contact Sheeley Law at 401-619-5555.

If you've been arrested or are under investigation, you need experienced legal counsel immediately.

Being charged with a crime can threaten your family, your livelihood and your personal freedom. Whether you've been charged with an assault, a felony or any other criminal offense, the law offices of Sheeley Law are the ones to turn to at times like these. Attorney Ann Sheeley understands the criminal justice system and what is at stake for her clients. Sheeley Law vows to protect your rights and works hard to ensure that you have the best possible outcome.

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