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**YOUR TOP 10 RIGHTS WITH THE POLICE**

**MUST I SPEAK WITH THE POLICE?** No, except that in some states one can be prosecuted for not giving one's name when asked and when police have reasonable suspicion to believe the person has committed a crime.

**MUST I GIVE MY IDENTIFICATION IF I AM NOT DRIVING A CAR?** No. The law does not require one to carry identification.

**MUST DRIVERS SHOW THE POLICE IDENTIFICATION?** It can be risky not to.

**IF THE POLICE STOP ME, WHAT DO I DO?** You can assert your rights to remain silent and to refuse searches, without being confrontational.

**IF THE POLICE UNLAWFULLY DETAIN ME, MAY I USE PHYSICAL FORCE?** The risks can be high of using even legitimate-seeming physical force with law enforcement.

**MUST I AGREE TO A SEARCH OF MY PERSON, PROPERTY, CAR OR HOUSE?**  
No. If you do not agree to a search, clearly say so.

**IF THE POLICE SHOW ME A SEARCH WARRANT, MUST I ASSIST IN FINDING THE ITEMS THEY SEEK, AND IN OPENING LOCKED OR PASSWORD-PROTECTED ITEMS?** No.

**MUST I REMAIN WITH THE POLICE MERELY BECAUSE THE POLICE ARE SPEAKING TO ME?** If you are unsure whether you are free to leave, ask if you are free to leave.

**WHAT DO I DO IF SUSPECTED OF DRINKING AND DRIVING?** Remember your right to remain silent. Beware the junk science of field tests. Beware when refusal to do field tests or to give a breath/blood sample can be considered against you at trial.

**WHAT DO I DO IF THE POLICE THREATEN ME WITH ARREST OR ARREST ME?** Consult with a qualified criminal defense lawyer.

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