

YOUTH: PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to remain silent.

- You can say, "I don't want to talk."
- You can say, "I want a lawyer."
- You should give your name, date of birth, and parent/guardian contact information.

You have the right to refuse to be searched

- If they ask you for permission to search, you can say, "I don't consent to a search."
- Conditions may vary if you are on official probation or parole.

You have the right to leave if you are not being detained

- You can ask the officer, "Am I free to leave?"

YOUTH: PROTECT YOURSELF IN COURT

You have the right to remain silent

- If you stay in detention, the police may come to ask you more questions. You can say, "I don't want to talk without a lawyer."
- You do not have to say anything about what happened. Your lawyer will speak up for you in court.

You have the right to a zealous defense

- This means a lawyer, whether you paid for them or not, must do everything they can to get the best results for you.

You have the right to meaningfully assist in your defense

- This means you and your community can inform and help direct the defense against the charges

Important Phone Numbers & Locations

Hamilton County Public Defender Youth Defense Division

125 E. Court Street 9th Floor
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 946-8282

- All youth are considered indigent and qualify for an attorney at no cost
- All youth detained at the Youth Center will have representation at their detention hearing

Hamilton County Juvenile Court

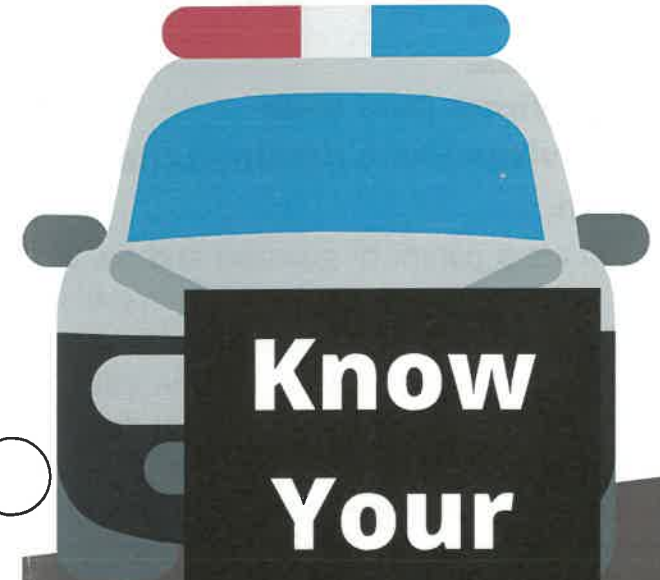
800 Broadway
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 946-9400

- This is where most hearings take place.

Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center

2020 Auburn Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 946-2607

- This is where youth are detained, and where the detention hearing is held



**Know
Your
Rights**

Kids and Parents

If you think a youth has been arrested, these are the key decision-makers who can decide their release:

The Officers (and their supervisors) who detained the youth

If you are a parent or guardian and are at the scene of the arrest, ask the arresting officer, or that officer's supervisor, that the youth be released to you. Tell the officer that you want a lawyer to be present during any questioning. Ask the officer if the offense was a misdemeanor or a felony charge. However, no matter the charge, ask the officer to release the child with a citation. Tell the officer you are willing to produce a photo id, birth certificate, or school records to demonstrate the parent/guardian relationship. Be sure to take note of the names, badge numbers, and car numbers of all officers involved in the arrest.

The Hamilton County Youth Center intake staff

When a youth is arrested, he or she is taken to the Hamilton County Youth Center located at 2020 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219. During the intake process, Youth Center staff will determine whether or not

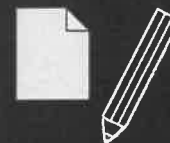
the youth will be held, or if the youth can be released to a parent or guardian with a court date. The phone number to the Youth Center Intake department is (513) 946-2607.

The Magistrate at the Youth's Detention Hearing

If the youth is not released and is held at the Youth Center, the youth will have a detention hearing (like an adult arraignment) the following morning. Make sure that the parent/guardian/family and any community support attend the hearing. Parents can attend the hearing in person or via Zoom starting at 8:30 a.m. An attorney from the Youth Defense Division will interview and represent the youth at the hearing. If possible, have letters of support, proof of school attendance, program or treatment participation, and employment if possible on hand to discuss with the court. You will receive a call from the Youth Defense Division Court Specialist following the hearing to complete the intake process.

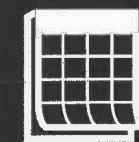
At the detention hearing a magistrate will decide if the child will be released. If a child is not released, another court date will be set within two weeks and the issue of release can be addressed again at that hearing.

Be Prepared



Info you should have ready

- The youth's full name
- The youth's date of birth
- If possible- the arresting agency



Info to get from the Youth Center or police

- Potential charges
- First court date, time, and location



Info to give to Youth Center or attorney

- Proof your child has family and community support
- Proof your child is attending school and/or programs, sports, church, job, etc.