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Defending Your Rights,
Every Step.

What to Do If Detained by the Police

1. Stay Calm and Be Respectful

Do not resist, argue, or run. Keep your hands visible and remain polite.

2. Ask if You Are Free to Leave

If the police say you are not under arrest, calmly ask, “Am I free to go?” If yes, walk away calmly.

3. Exercise Your Right to Silence

You are not required to answer police questions beyond providing your name, date of birth, and address.

Politely say:

“I wish to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer.”

4. Do Not Consent to Searches

Unless the police have a valid warrant or recognized legal grounds — such as a search incident to arrest, exigent circumstances, or safety concerns — you do not have to consent to a search of yourself, your vehicle, or your home. State clearly: *‘I do not consent to a search.*

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5. Ask to Speak to a Lawyer Immediately

You have the right to consult a lawyer as soon as possible. Contact **10(b) Criminal Law Centre** right away. We are available 24/7.



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