



# Identifying a Police Officer

Visual Resource



Queensland Police Service (QPS) officers work with the community to stop crime and to make Queensland safer. If someone tells you they are a police officer, it is important to check they are really a police officer.

## Police officers wear uniforms

It is important to check the person is wearing a QPS uniform because some private security firm uniforms may look similar. If you see the QPS badge on the shirt sleeve area of their uniform, **you are talking to a police officer.**



**Take note:** It is your right to write down or to make a note on your phone of the name, rank, and station where the police officer is based.

## Police officers also wear plain clothes

Follow these 3 steps to check if they are a QPS officer:

See

Note

Check



1. Ask to **see** their Police ID card.
2. Take **note** of the officer's name and ID number.
3. Call this number from a phone to **check** the officer's identity: **131 444**. On the phone, you can say:  
*"I would like to check the identity of a police officer. Can I please confirm that officer [Officer Name] with registration number [Number] is a current serving officer?"*

If a police officer stops you and asks you questions, remember you only have to answer **these 3 questions**:

**1**

**What is your name?**

**2**

**What is your address?**

**3**

**What is your date of birth?**

If a police officer asks you any other question, you can politely decline and say: **"I do not want to answer this question."**

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