



What if I'm Arrested?

Visual Resource

If a police officer arrests you, they will take you to a police station or to a watchhouse (which is a building at or next to a police station). If a police officer arrests you they must tell you the reason for your arrest. It is your right to ask why you are being arrested.

The police will ask you questions when you are arrested. These are the only questions you **must** answer:

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What is your name?

2

What is your address?

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What is your date of birth?

You should not respond to any other questions or provide information. Instead you should say these words:

"I have nothing to say, officer."

If you are arrested, everything you say will be part of an official record. Even if a police officer tells you that you are not being arrested, everything you say will be part of an official report.

It is important to know you have the **right to remain silent**.



You have the right to phone a lawyer or support person. You can say: ***"I would like to call my support person or lawyer and I would like to wait until my support person or lawyer is here to answer questions or talk to you."***

You can find a lawyer if you need legal advice or representation on the Queensland Law Society's ***The Law & You*** solicitor directory:



<https://www.youandthelaw.com.au/directory>

Sharing your neurodivergence:

You do not have to tell a police officer that you are autistic or neurodivergent. Some people choose to share to help police officers understand how they communicate or the supports they might need.

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