



If you give your name, you do not have to say more.

You can say: "I'm using my right to remain silent."

You do not have to answer any questions about where you're going, where you live, or your immigration status.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Safety tips for keeping DC's young people safe during federal occupation

FREE DC
ADVANCEMENT
PROJECT



Recording is one way to document racial profiling or harassment of Black and brown youth.

You can film police, National Guard, or any federal agents in public spaces. **Stand at a safe distance and don't interfere with their work.** They cannot take your phone or delete your videos without a warrant.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECORD

LOCAL RESOURCES

@freedcproject
@harrietsdreams
@blackswanacademy
@dcgirlscoalition
@wearedcaction
@criticalexposure



@empowereddc
@anti_racist_dc
@carewashingtondc
@crownsincorporated
@thetriggerprojectdc
@gunsdownfridayusa



"AM I FREE TO GO?"

If you are stopped, make sure to ask: If you are approached by law enforcement, try to leave the conversation as quickly and safely as possible.

YOU HAVE RIGHTS IF STOPPED BY POLICE

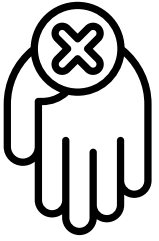
ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS

Carry an ID if possible (but you don't have to show it unless required in specific situations).

Make sure your phone is charged and you have your Kids Ride Free card on you.

We keep us safe — travel with a friend or family member.

Write a legal aid number on your arm in case you're separated from your phone.



They may still search, but your refusal can help your lawyer fight it later.

"I do not consent to a search."

If asked to open your bag, pockets, or unlock your phone, say:

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY NO TO A SEARCH

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A LAWYER IF DETAINED

Black and brown youth deserve equal treatment under the law — speak your rights clearly and demand them.

If arrested, say: "I want a lawyer. I am staying silent."

Do not sign anything without a lawyer present.

If you're under 18, your parent or guardian must be contacted.

