

BRIBERY IS A CRIME

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- If stopped by the police you can ask to see the officer's appointment card, which includes the officer's picture, name, rank, force and station according to Section 334 (2) (a) of the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977.
- If a police officer refuses to identify him/herself you do not have to show your driver's licence.
- If you don't have your driver's licence or ID, a police officer may detain you for 12 hours to ascertain your identity.
- A male police officer is not allowed to search a woman, but he can ask you to empty your pockets and bag.

- You are not obliged to pay fines on the spot. However, if there is a warrant of arrest against you, then you can be detained until the fines are paid.
- If you are pulled over for drunk driving, a police officer must take you to the police station to open a docket before you are taken to a clinic for a blood test. A blood test must be done within two hours.
- A police officer may not verbally abuse or intimidate you or anyone else. Get the details of any officer who has treated you unjustly.

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