



IF YOU ARE ARRESTED,

**KNOW
YOUR
RIGHTS**



YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



- Be informed by the official making the arrest of the reasons for your arrest
- Be shown a warrant of arrest
- A copy of the warrant
- Remain silent and to be informed of this right promptly and the consequences of not remaining silent
- Not be compelled to make any admission or confession that may be used against you



YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



- Be brought before a court as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than 48 hours after arrest
- Be informed of the reason for being detained
- Choose to consult with a lawyer of your choice
- Have a lawyer assigned to you if you cannot afford one
- Challenge the lawfulness of your detention before a court of law
- Be detained under conditions that are consistent with human dignity



YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



- Be searched in a decent way and orderly manner. A female may not be searched by a male and vice versa (resistance to a lawful search is an offence)
- To communicate with, and be visited by your spouse, partner, next of kin, religious councillor or medical doctor
- To a fair trial



IMPORTANT



It is best to not confront police with an assertion of your rights if you believe that it will aggravate the situation, or if you fear for your physical safety. It is advisable to remain calm and ensure that you memorise as much information as possible, and thereafter lay a complaint with the channels that are provided below.



REPORT THE INCIDENT TO:

Independent Policing Investigative Directorate

Website: www.ipid.gov.za

Email: complaints@ipid.gov.za

Tel: 012 399 0000

Provincial contacts:

Eastern Cape: 082 592 9888

Free State: 063 225 6081

Gauteng: 076 455 5178

Limpopo: 078 871 4811

KwaZulu-Natal: 079 895 2741

Mpumalanga: 072 881 4196

Northern Cape: 064 624 8203

North West: 078 163 6874

Western Cape: 021 941 4800



REPORT THE INCIDENT TO:

South African Police Services National Complaints Centre

Email: complaintsnodalppoint@saps.gov.za

Tel: 0800333177

Public Interest Legal Support Hotline

Tel: 066 076 8845

Wits Law Clinic

Website: <https://www.wits.ac.za/lawclinic/>

Tel: 011 717 8562



REPORT THE INCIDENT TO:

South African Human Rights Commission

Provincial contacts:

Eastern Cape: 067 968 8921

Free State: 076 038 4507

Gauteng: (011) 877 3750

Limpopo: 071 566 5188

KwaZulu-Natal: 071 446 2333

Mpumalanga: 078 670 4360

Northern Cape: 079 439 5557

North West: 060 790 1476

Western Cape: 073 075 2278