

Your rights if the Police think you broke the law.

RIGHT TO SILENCE

A person does not have to say anything to the police. This is called the right to silence.

Even if you are in trouble with the police you do not have to say anything to them.

It is OK to tell the police your name and where you live.

You must go with them to the police station if they arrest you.

RIGHT TO CONTACT A THIRD PERSON

A person can use the telephone to talk to their friend or someone in their family to tell them they are at the police station.

This is called the right to contact a third person.

RIGHT TO LEGAL ADVICE

A person needs to talk to a lawyer if they are in trouble with the police.

This is called the right to legal advice.

If a person has something to say they need to say it to their lawyer first.

RIGHT TO A SUPPORT PERSON

A person can feel very afraid if they are alone at the police station.

A person has the right to a support person. This means that someone can be with them while they talk to the police or to help them understand what is happening.

It is a good idea to have another person there to give support and make sure the person's rights are protected.

RIGHT TO PRIVACY

A person can talk to a lawyer, support person or friend or family person without anyone else there.

This is called the right to privacy.

RIGHT TO AN INTERPRETER

A person can have someone to talk to them in their own language if they do not understand English.

This is called the right to an interpreter.