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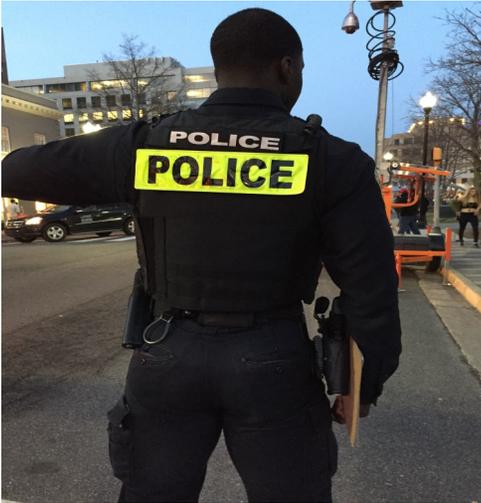
ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tips for Interacting with Law Enforcement for Juveniles



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Interacting with Law Enforcement

- ◆ Remain calm and collected throughout the encounter.
- ◆ Do not walk away from officers when they are trying to talk to you.
- ◆ Keep your hands visible.
- ◆ Identify yourself when stopped by an officer.
- ◆ If you do have a weapon on you, inform the officer immediately of its location. Do not attempt to remove the weapon yourself.
- ◆ You may be subject to a pat down or search and should cooperate/not resist.
- ◆ Police can talk to you without a parent/guardian present or before a parent/guardian has been made aware of an incident.

Driver Safety Information

- ◆ Carry your license with you at all times when driving.
- ◆ If you see police lights, slow down and pull over to the right as soon as possible.
- ◆ Stay in the vehicle with your seatbelt on for the entire traffic stop.
- ◆ For your safety and the officer's, keep your hands visible and have passengers keep their hands visible as officers approach your car.
- ◆ Make certain all paperwork for the vehicle, including insurance and registration cards, are in the vehicle prior to driving it.
- ◆ Ensure that your passengers are not bringing any alcohol or drugs into your vehicle.
- ◆ Never use your cellphone to text while driving a vehicle. Try to avoid placing or receiving phone calls while driving.



Drug and Alcohol Offenses

- ◆ Never drink and drive. If you are under 21 you can be charged with DUI if your BAC is a .02 or higher.
- ◆ If you are at a party where alcohol is present and the police arrive, do not run away and do not hide.
- ◆ A first offense alcohol or marijuana possession may result in a court deferment to the Second Chance Program. If successfully completed, there will be no criminal charge.

Consequences

- ◆ Underage possession of alcohol is a class 1 misdemeanor which can result in a driver's license suspension, community service, fine, and a possible stay at a juvenile detention center.
- ◆ You may need to inform your college choices that you were cited for possession of alcohol or marijuana.
- ◆ Marijuana is illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Contact Us

Emergency - 911
Non-Emergency - 703.558.2222
Sheriff's Office - 703.228.4460
Crime Solvers Anonymous Tips -
1.866.411.8477
Public Affairs - 703.228.5050
Internal Affairs - 703.228.4076

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