

/“So let’s say you were stopped by the cops...”/

OREGON

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



1. Stay calm and in control of your words, body language, and emotions.

Anything you say or do can be used against you.

-Do not argue with police or badmouth the officers. If you complain or tell the police they are wrong, do so in a non-confrontational way that will not intensify the situation. **-Keep your hands** where the police can see them. **-Do not run.** **-Do not touch** any police officer. **Do not resist physically** even if you believe you are innocent.

2. You do not have to make statements about the incident.

3. If arrested, ask for a lawyer immediately. Explaining the situation without a lawyer may harm your case.

4. You may ask for **officers’ names, badge numbers, and business cards.**

Write these down along with **patrol car numbers** and remember **physical descriptions.**

5. You never have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings, including your cell phone (or other electronic device), car, or house. Consenting to a search can affect your rights in court.

6. Try to find **witnesses** and write down their names and numbers.

7. If injured, **take photos of the injuries**, but get **medical attention first.** Ask for copies of your medical treatment files.

8. **Write down everything** you can remember as soon as possible after the encounter.

Oregon is
1 of 26
states that
doesn't require
you to show ID,
unless you're
driving.



**Drivers in ALL
states must
show photo ID.**

**A police request
is NOT an order.
Clarify if it was
an order or a
request.**

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