

If you are arrested, you should say,
"I want a lawyer."



Do not talk to the police. Only talk to your lawyer.

If you don't have a lawyer, you will get a free lawyer in court.

Make sure you **get your lawyer's name, your lawyer's telephone number, and your case docket number.**

Do not sign anything. If police have not said you are under arrest, you may ask if you are free to leave.

You may plead "not guilty." If you are told you must plead "guilty" or have other questions, call the Urban Justice Center SW Project **(646) 602-5617.**

If the police approach you, stay calm and be polite.

If they think you have a weapon, **the police can stop you and pat you down to look for a weapon only.**

If they want to come into your home or search your bag, ask to see a warrant. If they insist on a search without a warrant, say "I do not agree or consent to a search."

The police may search a car and everything in it at a traffic stop if they think there is something illegal in the car. Police must have a special reason to search the trunk.

Let your lawyer know right away if the police searched you against your will.

