

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE POLICE

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DRIVER'S RESPONSIBILITY WHEN STOPPED

1. Turn down radio / at night turn on the dome light.
2. Upon request produce your driver's license (MCL 257.311), registration (MCL 257.223) and proof of insurance (MCL 257.328).
3. Be polite and respectful.
4. Do not argue, be calm.
5. Keep your hands visible or on the steering wheel.
6. Stay in your vehicle unless requested to do otherwise.
7. Provide truthful information.
8. Do not interfere with, touch or obstruct the officer.
9. If you feel your rights are being violated, request that a supervisor respond to the scene.
10. If you have a CPL and you are armed, inform the officer immediately (MCL 28.425f).
11. In certain cases, your car can be searched without a warrant if police have probable cause.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A SOUTHFIELD POLICE OFFICER DURING A TRAFFIC STOP

1. To have reason for the stop explained, prior to producing identification (SPD Policy).
2. To know the officer's name and badge number (SPD Policy).
3. To be treated with courtesy and respect (SPD Policy).
4. To get medical attention, if needed (SPD Policy).
5. To contest the traffic violation in court, not during the traffic stop (MCL 257.745).
6. If arrested, you have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law, you have the right to an attorney and if you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you (Fifth Amendment – United States Constitution).
7. If arrested, you have a right to know why (MCL 764.19).
8. If you feel your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with the police department or request a supervisor to the scene (SPD Policy).