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# Street law

# Your rights with police and PSOs

Talking to police and PSOs can be stressful.

You have rights.

We can help you with legal issues.

## Remember your rights

You have the **right to silence**. That means you do not have to answer questions asked by police and PSOs (protective service officers), except:

* your name and address
* the reason you are in or near a police station.

You have the **right to ask** police and PSOs:

* why they are questioning or searching you
* to write their name, rank and station for you.

You have the **right to complain** about police and PSOs if they treat you unfairly. Get advice from a lawyer first.

## If police interview you at a police station

You have the right to **talk to a lawyer** before police interview you. If you are under 18, you can either:

* call YRIPP on 1300 791 189 anytime
* ask the police to call a lawyer for you.

You have the right to **call someone you trust** to let them know where you are.

If you are under 18 or have a disability, you have the right to **have someone with you** when police interview you. If you are under 18, this can be a parent, guardian or independent person. If you have a disability, you can have an independent third person with you.

## Get free legal advice

Victoria Legal Aid [www.legalaid.vic.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au) 1300 792 387

Youthlaw [www.youthlaw.asn.au](http://www.youthlaw.asn.au) (03) 9113 9500

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service [www.vals.org.au](http://www.vals.org.au) 1800 064 865

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