

Your rights with  
police and PSOs

# STREET LAW

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- **Victoria Legal Aid**  
www.legalaid.vic.gov.au or 1300 792 387
- **Youthlaw**  
youthlaw.asn.au or (03) 9113 9500
- **Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service**  
www.vals.org.au or 1800 064 865
- Visit [www.fclc.org.au](http://www.fclc.org.au) to find your nearest community legal centre.

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TALKING TO THE POLICE  
CAN BE STRESSFUL.

YOU HAVE RIGHTS.

WE CAN HELP YOU  
WITH LEGAL ISSUES.



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.



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.

