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If you're stopped by the police or are unsure if the police (or other law enforcement agencies) are detaining you, ask: *"Am I free to go?"* If the cop says anything other than yes, follow up with: *"Am I being detained?"* If they say anything other than yes, then say that you do not want to talk further and leave immediately.

If you are being detained or arrested, say: *"I am going to remain silent and I want to speak to a lawyer."*

If the police attempt to search you, it's important to assert out loud: *"I do not consent to this search."* The police can "legally" pat down the outside of your clothing but need a search warrant to search beyond that.

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