

Your Right with the Police

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What if a police stopped you?
Give your name, identity card number and address if requested. If the police are not in his uniform, ask him his authority card. Ask him whether you are under arrest.

Being under arrest must be expressed by the police. He must also tell you the reason of arresting you.

If the police seem to be suspicious to you, ask his name and ID number. Jot down his vehicle registration number.

Can the police do a search on you without arresting?
Yes, but it must in the presence of a higher rank as inspector when the search to be done. Offer to empty your pocket yourself and cite every thing that you take out.

A woman will be search by a female police officer.

What to do once arrested?
Make a phone call to your family informing you're being arrested and which police station that you're being held.

Get a lawyer to represent and advice you. You may insist to get one because it is your right. Tell him what happened. Even if you cannot afford a lawyer, you still can asked to be represented by a lawyer from the Legal Aid (Biro Bantuan Guaman)

How long can you be detained?
You can be detained for only 24 hours for interrogation. If the police wish to detain you longer than that, he needs to get a court remand.

What to do during interrogation?
Keep yourself composed during interrogation, there is nothing to be afraid of if you're innocent. Think before you answer any question.