

# Know Your Rights!

## **If you are a U.S. Citizen or Documented Resident:**

You have the constitutional right to remain silent. You do not have to answer any questions from law enforcement officers. Do not answer any questions without an attorney present.

You may give your name as written on a form of ID. You have the right to ask if you are being arrested, detained or if you are free to go.

You have the right to ask to speak with an attorney. Law enforcement officers cannot listen to you while you speak with an attorney. They can listen to your phone conversations with other people.

It is a criminal offense to knowingly lie to an officer.

The police can pat down the outside of your clothing only if they have "reasonable suspicion" (i.e., an objective reason to suspect) that you might be armed and dangerous. If they search any more than this, say clearly, "I do not consent to a search." If they keep searching anyway, do not physically resist them.

If a law enforcement officer mistreats you, note her/his badge number, name or other identifying information. You have the right to ask for this information from the officer.

*National Lawyer's Guild Hotline:*

*(704) 372 4200*

*Call if arrested or subject to police abuse!*