

Quick Tips: Police Powers & Your Rights

Police can fine or arrest you if you breach the new COVID-19 laws

Police must tell you why they are stopping, searching or arresting you

Ask police for their name and police station

Tell police if you are 17 or younger

During an incident, ask police to turn on their Body Worn Video and have someone film from a distance

If police want to search you, say: “I do not agree to being searched” but cooperate with the search

If police ask you questions, tell them your name and say: “I do not wish to discuss anything further.”

If you’re under 14, a parent/guardian should be present for formal questioning

If you’re 14–17, an adult of your choice should be present for formal questioning

You do not need to provide ID, unless something illegal is found or you are being fined/arrested

If you sustain any injuries from police conduct, go to a doctor ASAP, take photos and get legal advice

Free, confidential legal help
www.rlc.org.au/contact

