1 RIGHT TO DEFENSE

You have the **right to a lawyer free of charge** or you can choose your own lawyer.

When you are arrested or stopped you have the right to be helped and defended by a lawyer, who must be informed of your arrest as soon as possible.

You have the **right to speak to your lawyer before being questioned** and the lawyer should be able to be present at the interrogation.

You have the **right to remain silent:** you are not obligated to answer any questions, other than your personal information.

When you are arrested or taken into custody because you are suspected or accused of a crime, it is important that you

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2 RIGHT TO INFORMATION

When you are stopped or arrested it is important that you are told **what your rights are, the reason for being stopped or arrested, and what will happen to you.** If you need clarification, you have the right to ask and receive information.

3 RIGHT TO INFORMATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

You have the **right to have your parents or legal guardians informed** and to reach you as soon as possible. If you think this is not in your best interest, please inform a professional. Another adult may be contacted.

4 RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION

From the start of the proceedings you have the **right to participate.** This means that you must be put in a position to speak, ask for information and give your opinion.

5 RIGHT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS

If you don't understand the language well you have the **right to a translator or cultural mediator.**
And if you have specific needs or requirements (related for example to sight or hearing) you can ask to be helped free of charge by a professional.

6 RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT

During the stop or arrest, you have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. This means that **no one can hit you, insult you, humiliate you or threaten you.** If this happens, know that you have the **right to report the incident.** It is important that you discuss this with your lawyer.

7 RIGHT TO HEALTH

You have the right to be examined by a **doctor free of charge** if you think it is urgent and important for your health.

8 CUSTODY TIMES

After arrest and police custody you have the **right to know the maximum detention time before the hearing** with the judge who will decide how to proceed. Ask what the maximum time is in your country.