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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF STOPPED BY A POLICE OFFICER

Law enforcement is a difficult and dangerous profession. Sometimes the safety procedures that officers use may appear unnecessary, but they are designed to ensure both your safety and the officer's safety. But you should know what your rights and responsibilities are if you are stopped for a traffic or other violation.

Your Responsibilities:

- **Slow down. Pull over as soon as you can safely do so.** If the police vehicle is unmarked and you doubt that the driver is an officer, drive below the speed limit to a well-lit, populated place and pull over, or go to the nearest police station or attract the attention of a uniformed officer.
- **Stay in the driver's seat with both hands clearly in sight on the steering wheel.** Do not exit the car unless asked to do so.
- **Comply with the officer's request to see your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.** If they are in the glove compartment or under the seat, let the officer know and then follow his or her directions before retrieving them.
- **Avoid speaking in a confrontational manner or walking away from the police officers, even if you think they are wrong.** Cooperate during the incident.

Your Rights:

- **You should be treated with dignity and respect.**
 - ✓ Under no circumstances may Chicago Police officers ask you to pay a fine for a traffic violation at the time it occurs or accept a cash bond. Asking for such a payment, as well as making one, is illegal.
 - ✓ By executive order, Chicago Police officers will not intervene or become involved in immigration matters or disseminate information on a person's immigration status. Questions or comments about anyone's immigration status during a traffic stop are inappropriate and should be reported.
- **You have the right to have any inappropriate situation addressed.** If you believe that an officer has acted inappropriately during a traffic stop or other encounter, you should report that conduct as soon as possible to the Office of Professional Standards at (312) 745-3594 or the Internal Affairs Division at (312) 745-6310. Try to have as much information as possible about the officer, including his or her name, star number, and any numbers on the top or sides of his or her squad car, as well as the exact date, time and location of the occurrence.



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