

## **GET HOME SAFELY**

### **10 Rules of Survival If Stopped by the Police**

- 1.** Be polite and respectful when stopped by the police. Remember that your goal is to get home safely. *Your goal is to get home safely.*
- 2.** If you feel your rights have been violated, you and your parents have the right to file a formal complaint with the local police jurisdiction.
- 3.** Do not, under any circumstances, get in an argument with the police.
- 4.** Always remember that anything you say or do can be used against you in court.
- 5.** Keep your hands in plain sight. Make sure the police can see your hands at all times.
- 6.** Avoid physical contact with police officers. Do not make any sudden movements and keep your hands out of your pockets.
- 7.** Do not, do not, do not, do not, do not, *do not* run—even if you are afraid.
- 8.** Even if you believe you are innocent, do not resist arrest.
- 9.** If you are arrested, do not make any statements about the incident until you are able to meet with a lawyer or Public defender.
- 10.** Stay calm and remain in control. Watch your words. Watch your body language. Watch your emotions.

**Remember, your goal is to get home safely!**

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