

Scenario 1:

Street Freedoms

You do not have to give the police officer your name and address if you are just walking (it is different if you are driving). However, it is a good idea to **be courteous and give your name and address.**

You do not have to give the police officer your age, but it is a good idea to **do so as it** lets the officer know that you are a youth.

After you have been courteous and given your name, address, and age, you do not have to give any other information to police. **You can tell the police officer, “I want to remain silent.”**

You can be detained (held by police) for a short period of time if a police officer or other person believes you may be involved in a crime. If you are “detained” you are not free to go until the police say so.

If you ask, “Am I free to go?” and the police officer says no, you are being detained. You have the right to be told why you are being detained. Remember the reason the police officer gives you, if he or she gives you one.

Get the badge number or name of the police officer so that you will have it if you want to make a complaint.

Scenario 1: Role play

Are you just making conversation or am I being detained?