

Scenario 4:

Mimi's in Custody

Your rights

At the police station you have the right:

- to speak to a lawyer and a parent or other adult in private before you say anything
- to have a lawyer and your parents (or other adult) with you when you make a statement to police

What you need to know

If you say **anything** about the events the police are looking into, you are “making a statement” – saying something police can use in court.

You are even making a statement if you say you don't know anything about what happened, or say you weren't there or you didn't do it.

What you need to do

If you are arrested, **phone a lawyer**.

If you don't have a number for a lawyer, **ask the police for a “duty counsel” number**.

Duty counsel is a lawyer who will give you free legal advice.

- Do *not* talk to the police before you get advice from a lawyer.
- Do *not* talk to the police without a lawyer present.