You are suspected of committing a criminal offence

What will happen and what are your rights?



1. Arrest

If you have been arrested and taken to the police station, you will be taken through these steps. If you have not been arrested but have been asked to go to the police station to be interviewed, not all of the steps will apply to you.



2. Police station

You can't take your phone or other belongings into the cell. If the police don't need them for the investigation, you will get them back when you leave.





Handcuffs

You may be put

in handcuffs.

Parents/carers

your parents or

The police will call

Identity document The police will need to know





Camera The police will take a photo of you.



Clock

You may need to wait.

who you are.





Lawyer

A lawyer will come as soon as possible to advise you.

Interpreter

carers.

If you don't speak or understand Dutch, you are entitled to a translator (interpreter).



Video camera Sometimes the police record an interview with a

video camera and/ or microphone.



Trusted person

You can have a trusted person with you when you are interviewed by the police. For example, your mother or father.



Document

Anything you tell the police will be written down. This document is called an official report (proces-verbaal). You do not have to answer any questions.











5. Interview with a police officer

The police will talk with you and ask what happened. This is called an interview. You don't have to answer any questions.





6. Can I go home?

The police will tell you whether you can go home, or have to stay at the police station. The police will let your parents know.



4. Speaking to a lawyer

The police will arrange for a lawyer to come and speak with you. The lawyer works for you, not for the police. This service is free. Your conversation is confidential.





3. Waiting in the cell

visit you.

want to.

The police will investigate what

has happened. Your parents can

A senior police officer will tell

you your rights. You only have

to answer the questions if you



Suspect



















Assistant public prosecutor





