KEEP THIS CHECKLIST HANDY

Just arrested? Start here.

> **Say clearly:** "I am exercising my right to remain silent. I want a lawyer."
> Then stop discussing the incident. Provide required identifying information and communicate urgent medical needs.

- **Stay calm and do not physically resist.** Follow lawful safety instructions, even if you believe the stop or arrest is wrong.
- **Keep case details private.** Assume jail calls, video visits, messages, and conversations with other detainees can be recorded or repeated. Ask how to arrange confidential attorney contact.
- **Tell staff about urgent health needs.** Report injuries, medication needs, withdrawal risk, or immediate safety concerns. Do not assume medical intake is privileged.
- **Keep and copy every document.** Save warrants, citations, bond papers, release conditions, court notices, and license notices. Photograph or scan each page.
- **Know your next date and every release condition.** Record the court, address, date, and time. Arrange transportation and comply with no-contact restrictions.
- **Contact a defense lawyer promptly.** Get advice before questioning, waiving a hearing, or entering a plea. Ask the court about appointed counsel if you cannot afford a lawyer.

If you are helping someone in jail

Gather their full name, date of birth, jail location, booking number, charges, and any bond information. Share logistics on recorded calls; save the facts of the case for counsel.

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