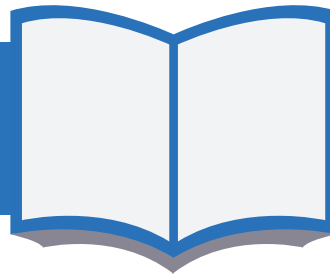


Participant Handouts

Scenarios



Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

There's a lot of crime in my neighborhood and it seems like the cops are always around. They have a habit of stopping me and my friends on the street to ask us questions and to ID us. We usually refuse, but today the cops said that they were investigating a crime and that we fit the description of the suspects. Most of us are Black. I'm pretty sure this is racial profiling, but they won't let us leave until we give up our personal information. What can we do about this?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Police stops and searches" with the question, "Can the police stop me and ask for my ID?"

- Can the police demand that you identify yourself if you live in a high-crime area?
- Can the police stop you from leaving if you refuse to comply with a street check?
- What are the exceptions to the normal street check rules?
- If the police stop you while they are investigating a crime, do they have to tell you the reason for the street check?
- What can you do if you think you have experienced racial profiling?



Scenario 2 Worksheet

I got into a fight with my ex-boyfriend and now he says he is scared for his life! I didn't even hurt him, but now I've been charged with assault. The Crown has offered to withdraw the charges if I sign a peace bond, but why should I? I'm INNOCENT. He was the one who cheated on me, and now I'M being punished? I seriously don't know what to do.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Peace bonds" with the question, "Should I sign a peace bond with my criminal case?"

- What does a peace bond require you to do?
- If the Crown offers you a peace bond, do you have to accept?
- What should this person consider when deciding whether to take the peace bond?
- If the peace bond states that the accused cannot contact the ex-boyfriend, and s/he calls him anyway, what are the consequences?
- If this person takes the peace bond and then bumps into their ex-boyfriend while travelling in another province, can they get in trouble?



Scenario 3 Worksheet

I've been charged with assault and theft, but I'm currently out on bail. My court date is tomorrow, but I am feeling a little bit sick. I think I'm just going to stay home. I hope this is alright!

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Going to criminal court" with the question, "I have an emergency and can't make it for my court date. What do I do?"

- Is "feeling sick" a good enough reason to miss your court date?
- What can happen if you miss your court date?
- What should you do if you have a last minute emergency and can't attend a court date?
- What would lead to the judge issuing a discretionary bench warrant, rather than an arrest warrant for your absence?
- Can this person send a family member to appear on their behalf if they have been charged with theft over \$5000?



Scenario 4 Worksheet

Tonight, I was arrested for public intoxication and I've been in police custody for 3 hours. I'm only 16 and my life is ruined! I have asked to talk to a lawyer and call my parents, but the cops are ignoring me. They said that since it is Friday, I may have to spend the whole weekend in jail before I can have a bail hearing. Are they violating my rights?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Bail" with the question, "Do police have to release me after arresting me?"

- What must the police do if they arrest you and bring you into custody?
- Can the police hold this person overnight because they were drunk?
- Does the age of the accused change anything about the situation?
- Are the police allowed to deny you access to a lawyer?
- What happens at a bail hearing?



Scenario 5 Worksheet

I was just walking around, minding my own business, when all of a sudden the cops showed up and placed me under arrest! I wasn't even doing anything. Sure, I like to wander around aimlessly, but it's a free country, right? They said that I'm a suspect in a crime, but haven't given me any details yet. They can't just arrest me without a warrant, can they?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Police stops and searches" with the question, "I was arrested with no warrant. What should I do?"

- When can the police arrest you without a warrant?
- Can the police arrest you based on mere suspicion?
- Do the police have to tell you why you are being arrested?
- What should you do immediately if you have been arrested?
- Where does your right to remain silent come from?