

# 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.



### 3. Waiting in the cell

The police will investigate what has happened. Your parents can visit you.

A senior police officer will tell you your rights. You only have to answer the questions if you want to.



### 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.



**Handcuffs**  
You may be put in handcuffs.



**Identity document**  
The police will need to know who you are.



**Fingerprints**  
The police will scan your fingerprints.



**Camera**  
The police will take a photo of you.



**Parents/carers**  
The police will call your parents or carers.



**Clock**  
You may need to wait.



**Doctor**  
If you feel unwell, you can ask for a doctor.



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



**Interpreter**  
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.



Suspect



Assistant public prosecutor



Police officer



Police officer conducting the interview



Lawyer