



BEING ARRESTED

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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CRITERIA FOR LAWFUL ARREST



YOUR ARREST MUST BE ANNOUNCED

The police must tell you that you are under arrest, otherwise the arrest is not lawful.



POLICE MUST HAVE YOU UNDER CONTROL

An officer must have physical control over you when they arrest you, otherwise the arrest is not lawful.



A REASON FOR ARREST MUST BE PROVIDED

The police must tell you why you are under arrest, otherwise the arrest is not lawful.

ONCE IN CUSTODY



TRANSIT TO THE POLICE STATION

The police officer must take you to a police station as soon as possible, unless the warrant of arrest says they must take you to some other place. However in a protest situation, there will likely not be a warrant for arrest.



PROCESSING & INTERROGATION

Once at the police station or processing centre, you will be identified and might be placed in a holding cell before being charged. You might also be interrogated (questioned). It is highly advisable that you get legal assistance to help you through any process involving criminal charges.



AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.protestguide.org.za/being-arrested