



# How to not get Arrested

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### INTRODUCTION

Try to avoid violating the law. Stop and think before you act. If you are in doubt about the legality of an act; ask. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, **BUT USE IT ANYWAY!** Try to stay away from suspicious places and circumstances. Watch the company you keep. You can easily be arrested if you are with someone who commits a crime. It all depends on the crime and the circumstances. We are not talking about your guilt or innocence, or right from wrong. We are talking about how not to get arrested in the first place, thereby avoiding fees to attorneys, bail bond agents, loss of time on your job, or even loss of your job.

## DRIVING

Do not drink and drive! Know what driving offenses in your state or community can get you arrested. Reckless driving or second convictions of other violations could get you arrested. Avoid drunk driving or anything else that can get your vehicle impounded. Police officers may legally "inventory" and make a list of all property in the vehicle. You can be charged with any contraband found.

## WEAPONS

Know the laws of your state concerning weapons. Register weapons if it is required in your city or state. Know what the laws are concerning the carrying of weapons on your person or in your vehicle. Know what constitutes a weapon in your state. Brass knuckles, nunchakus, Kung-Fu stars, chains, clubs, or anything adapted to be used as a club, and long knives may be illegal to carry. Firearms or other weapons lying about inside your vehicle, or your friend's vehicle, can get you arrested in many jurisdictions. It may not matter if it is not your weapon. If it is within your reach you may be subject to arrest. A weapons offense may be a misdemeanor in one part of town and a felony a block away! Carrying weapons where alcoholic beverages are sold or served, on school grounds, or other locations may constitute a more serious charge.



## DRUGS

Keep your prescription drugs in the proper, labeled container. Do not dump all your different prescription drugs in one container. If you give a police officer a chance to notice such a package, you are asking for a very long delay in your schedule while things are checked out. Next to traffic accidents, drugs in vehicles get more passengers in trouble than just about anything. Example: its midnight and you are riding as a passenger your friend's car. He is stopped by the police for speeding. He reaches into the center console where he keeps his license. The officer shines his flashlight

on the console to see what your friend is reaching for, since this is not a normal location for a driver's license. The officer observes a baggy of what turns out to be an illegal drug next to the console. Your friend forgot it was there, and you never saw it. It is closer to you than it is to your friend. Your good friend says "that's not mine, officer". Where does that leave you? The outcome of this case is not the subject of this report. The purpose of this report is to prevent this scenario from occurring. Know your friends! Check out vehicles that you borrow.

## **WARRANTS**

If you receive a ticket or are arrested and found guilty, pay all fines and associated costs on time. If this is not possible, ask for an extension. A warrant will be issued for your arrest if you do not take care of traffic tickets on time, or in the case of convictions, if you do not pay assessed fines. If you are arrested and use the services of a bonding company or an attorney, follow their instructions while you are waiting for your case to be disposed of. You may be required to report weekly, prohibited from leaving town, etc. during this time period. If you violate these rules, the attorney or bonding company can cancel your bond and a warrant for your re-arrest will be issued. Arrests on warrants can come at the most embarrassing times, such as at work, school, on a date, etc. And on top of all that, the bonding company or attorney is not going to give your money back and you will have to go through the whole ordeal again. Once you are charged with an infraction or a crime, follow through with it in the proper manner. Never ignore these things. They will not ever go away, and they will always get worse.

## **DRINKING**

The police do not like dealing with sloppy, boisterous drunks any more than most people do. If you get yourself in this condition in a public place you are asking for trouble. If you get drunk in public, DON'T get involved in a disturbance. The drunk tank is the universal solution to disturbances involving drunks. If you are the type that gets drunk and rowdy, take a designated driver/caretaker along with you. Someone who will promise the police that they will take you home and lock you up for the night. This does not always work, but it is worth a try.

## RESISTING ARREST

Follow the officer's commands. Do not ever push, shove, or hit a police officer! The police do not feel they should be hit for doing their job any more than the store clerk, doctor, or fireman. This will always get you a ride downtown. Remember; help arrives quickly to these events. If you have a problem with an officer, pursue it through the proper channels. Police administrators do not want a problem officer around any more than you do. Do not resist arrest. Demand to know why you are being arrested if you have not been told or do not understand. Resisting does not help your case whether you are innocent or guilty of the original charge. You will only be adding another charge which means more money out of your pocket and into the bondsman's.

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