what TO DO if you are STOPPED:

You may be stopped by a police officer at some point. Here are some things you can do to have a better interaction:

Be POLITE and try to REMAIN calm.

Remember that stops occur for MANY REASONS; you should not take the stop personally.

CARRY I.D. and show it if requested.

Learn YOUR RIGHTS and what to say.

If you think you’ve experienced POLICE MISCONDUCT, CALL 311

THE POLICE YOUTH ACTION PLAN.

A guide for NYC teens about improving RELATIONSHIPS with police.

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Learn your community’s concerns so that you can address the challenges affecting your neighborhood.

Get to know police officers that serve your community. Start by introducing yourself to officers you see on patrol.

Organize a police-youth dialogue because talking can help police and youth understand each other.

Attend activities and programs with police so that you can get to know police officers as people and interact in a positive setting.

Tell your friends about the importance of improving police-youth relationships in your community.

Write a letter to Community Affairs officers in your precinct about how you would like to see police-youth relations change.

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, explaining the need for improved police-youth relations.

Almost half of those surveyed have been stopped by a police officer.

Many youths cited fear of retaliation as a reason they might not report a crime they witness.

Many youths said that the officer’s tone of voice, a perceived lack of respect for teens, and a fear of getting arrested were reasons they felt uncomfortable when they were questioned by a police officer.

Still, more than half of those surveyed said they feel comfortable interacting with police.