

LEGAL ADVICE

Even if the person asking for your ID is a uniformed police officer, **ask them to introduce themselves and show their police ID first.**

If there is no investigation initiated and conducted into a crime, **you do not have to answer questions** about yourself or someone else asked by the police.

Unless you are arrested, you do not have to allow your body size, voice, fingerprints, palm prints and photos taken. If your statement is to be taken as a suspect rather than a witness, you have the right to **seek assistance of a lawyer before speaking.**

You do not have to accept the charges.
Police can not search you without a warrant, unless you are caught red handed or there is a reasonable doubt that you committed a crime.

LEGAL RIGHTS TO ARREST IN PROTESTS

If you have not been caught red-handed or there is no reasonable and serious reason to believe you have committed a crime, **request a judge-issued arrest warrant from the police.**

During the investigation, **you can benefit from the support of a lawyer.**

You can access the numbers of all lawyers on the website of the

Cyprus Turkish Bar Association <https://www.kibristurkbarolarbirligi.org/>.

If you do not have the financial strength, **the Human Rights Platform (hotline: 0542 862 00 60)** offers you free legal aid.

If you can not communicate in Turkish, the police must provide you with **free interpreter assistance.**

You must be taken to court within 24 hours at the latest. **You can object to the continuation of detention.** You can not be detained for more than 3 months.

The arrested person can be **searched by the same sex police.**