Know Your Rights

IF YOU ARE STOPPED FOR QUESTIONING:
Stay calm. Don’t run. Don’t argue, resist or obstruct the police, even if you are innocent or police are violating your rights. Keep your hands where police can see them. **Ask if you are free to leave.** If the officer says yes, calmly and silently walk away.

If you are under arrest, you have a right to know why. You have the right to remain silent and cannot be punished for refusing to answer questions. If you wish to remain silent, tell the officer out loud. In some states, you must give your name if asked to identify yourself. You **do not have to consent to a search** of yourself or your belongings, but police may “pat down” your clothing if they suspect a weapon. You should not physically resist, but you have the right to refuse consent for any further search. If you do consent, it can affect you later in court.

It is **NOT ILLEGAL** to simply possess a syringe. As a **volunteer** in our Community Syringe Disposal Program, you have a legal reason for possessing syringes that you find in the community. Inform police that you are a **volunteer** and you pick up syringes when you find them. Do not answer any further questions. It is **ONLY ILLEGAL** if they can prove that you possess the syringe with intent to use it.
Different organizations in town can help with housing expenses:

- Shalom Community Center
- Shaloh United Ministries
- Salvation Army
- St. Vincent DePaul (for current clients)
- Churches

Go to Shalom Community Center - sign up to talk to a case worker to find out more: 620 S Walnut

Getting Help for Children, Families and Older Folks

- Bloomington Bicycle Project: Sat 12-3 (winter)
- Bloomington Housing Authority
- Bloomington Housing Authority Outreach: 812-339-7700
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Getting a Place

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Getting Some Clothes

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Getting Counseling

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Other Services

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