

# Know your rights ... demand your rights ... enforce your rights

At all times say as little as possible to the police. Whenever you are stopped or questioned, you have a right to know the officer's name and badge number. Ask whether you are under arrest. Unless you are arrested, driving a car, or being questioned for vagrancy, you do not have to say anything, even your name.

### DWELLING HOUSE

If the police come to your house, demand to see the warrant or writ of assistance. If they don't have one, don't let them in. There are two exceptions to this: 1) if they are in hot pursuit of a criminal they have seen enter your house; or 2) if they have probable grounds to believe there is a crime being committed on the premises, probable grounds means, for example, if they hear sounds of a fight.

Warrants must carry the correct date and must specify who or what is being searched for. If the warrant is for the arrest of a person and you produce that person, you don't have to let them in. You never have to let a social worker into your home, unless he or she has a warrant. If the police or anyone enters illegally you must first demand that he leave your property — if he

doesn't comply, you are legally justified in using only as much force as is necessary to remove him. (Sections 40-41 of the Criminal Code of Canada). If your door has a chain lock, use it. The police frequently push open an unlocked door when they have no warrant for arrest. If a writ is used (common in dope raids) they can and will break in, probably through several entrances simultaneously, without knocking.

### ON THE STREET

You do not have to answer any questions, even your name, or show any I.D. unless the officer is questioning you under section 164 (for vagrancy). If he is using this section, you must give him your name and one of: (a) your address, (b) your destination, or (c) source of income. After you have given this information, walk away. You don't have to talk to him. He cannot require you to get into his car or move anywhere unless he clearly states that you are under arrest.

### ASSAULT

If you are attacked without provocation by a police officer you have the legal right to use as much force as is necessary to defend yourself

(Section 34 of the Criminal Code). Don't let the police provoke you by pushing or bad mouthing, etc. If an officer tries to force you to enter his car without first arresting you he is acting illegally; and, in theory, according to Section 29 of the Criminal Code, you can resist. In practise, it is useless to fight unless there are witnesses around, and you think you can win. Together we will work for the time and we will always win.

### ARREST

Section 29 of the Criminal Code states that a reason must be given for an arrest. This means that they must have a warrant in your name, or catch you in the act of committing a crime, or have reasonable grounds for believing that you have committed or are about to commit a crime. If the officer does not have a warrant, he must tell you the true grounds for arrest. Resisting arrest is often the charge they get someone on, after a "bullshit" bust. You should be certain that the arrest is illegal (no warrant and no reasonable grounds) before you resist. You can be fairly certain that any doubt as to what is reasonable will be resolved against you.

### IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

#### DON'T SAY ANYTHING!

The police will usually try to engage you in "friendly" conversation in the car and/or on the way to the station. This is the oldest evidence-getting trick in the book. **DON'T SIGN ANYTHING.** They will ask a lot of questions at the station. Give only your name and address and demand your right to a phone call. Unless you are charged with an indictable offence, you can and should refuse to be photographed and fingerprinted. (Vagrancy, theft under \$50.00, creating a disturbance, etc.) are not indictable. They have the right to seize weapons (including your belt and shoelaces) and evidence related to the charge. They do not have the right to take merely for safekeeping, money, your wallet, or papers, etc.

### DRIVING A CAR

If you are pulled over while driving a car first, lock all the doors and roll up all the windows, except leave the driver's window open just wide enough to give the officer your driver's license, registration and insurance. He cannot require you to get out of the car unless you are under arrest. Nor can he require you to open the car to him unless he is conducting a

legal search as outlined below. No one else in the car should do or say anything.

### SEARCHES

The only time that you have to submit to a search of your person before arrest is if: (a) the search is conducted under the Narcotics Control Act, (b) if the search is conducted under the Government Liquor Act, or (c) if you are in a house being searched under a Writ of Assistance. The Government Liquor Act and the Narcotics Control Act also give police the right to search your car. If you are arrested, and only after you are arrested, you can be searched for weapons and evidence related to the charge.

### MOVEABLE PROPERTY

Police may not seize your movable property unless it is specified in a writ or warrant, comes under the Government Liquor Act or Narcotics Control Act, or is evidence related to a charge. Such evidence, and any legal weapon, may only be seized if you are arrested. You have the right to defend your property with as much force as is necessary providing you state your claim to be in legal possession of it. (Section 39 of the Criminal Code).

## TRAFFIX

TRAFFIX: people isolated in cars, usually driving alone, a-m radios, flashing lights, signs, billboards, fantasies, frustration, concrete, asphalt, tax-paved roads, overweight cars, overpowered, wasteful, dangerous, inefficient, fossil-fuel burning, fashion-oriented, self-destructing within half a decade. More than sixty thousand people die in traffic every year in North America.

"God said to Abraham kill me a son  
Abe said Man you must be puttin me on  
God said no, Abe said whaaaat  
God said you can do what you want Abe but  
the next time you see me comin you better  
run.  
Well Abe said where you want this killin done  
God said out on Highway Sixty one!!!"

— Bob Dylan, from Highway 61 Revisited

Besides thousands of sons each year we also kill thousands of daughters, moms, dads and hundreds of thousands of birds, and all sorts of animals and trillions of insects.

And while oil companies celebrate profits and new even more massive oil and natural gas finds, oil, natural gas and gasoline remain limited and irreplaceable fossil fuels.

Buckminster Fuller has estimated that it costs Nature one million dollars a gallon in time, materials and energy to produce fossil fuels, and recommends that the oil companies pay that to continue their rape of the planet.

The longer we wait to change to other methods of producing power for the industry, cars, planes, bikes, communications systems we use, the cities we light, buildings we heat and food we cook — the more agonizing, dangerous, wasteful and expensive the inevitable changeover will become — if we survive...

## Sources of Energy:

### Darkness

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### Light

Darkness: gross materiality. Coal, oil, etc.; dark, sticky, sulphuric, limited, composed, literally of the dead bodies buried in the bowels of the earth (traditional location of Hell); geologically disturbing when removed; befools the air when used and burns with desperate and destructive violence.

Light (spirit, life or energy as in E=mc<sup>2</sup> times the speed of light squared).

Solar energy, Sun the ultimate symbol of the soul and a frequently used symbol of ecstasy, divinity and the source of all life.

Hydro or water power; water a universal symbol of and sustainer of Life, mysterious and ever-changing. Air has for eons represented spirit, freedom and all other invisible and subtle forces. Sail power! There are now super-efficient wind-mill designs as much as 7000 percent more so than the traditional kind.

Energy cells, working on a chemical level produce far more energy using far less materials and making far fewer harmful byproducts and doing it all without the destruction waste and violence of the infernal combustion engine. Become lighter, brighter and more spirited (but don't use phosphate detergent!!) Live it! That we may all have light and have it more abundantly!!!

yours truly  
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