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Tips for Handling Police Encounters

In Your Car:

1. Pull your car over as safely as possible
2. Roll down your window when the officer approaches
3. Remain calm
4. Keep your hands where the officer can see them and be aware of your body movements
5. Provide the officer with your license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance upon request
6. Keep a respectful attitude toward the officer, even if you feel you have been accused of something you didn't do. Remember, there is a time and place to argue your side, but that time and place is not on the side of road.
7. Accept your ticket if you are issued one even if you are going to fight it later in court.

At Your Home:

1. Ask to see the officer's identification if there is a question
2. Cooperate fully with the officer and provide any information requested (e.g. identification)
3. Show or tell officer of location of questionable items or weapons
4. Maintain a cooperative attitude with the officer. Causing a scene and arguing may prolong the need for the officer to be in your home and may make the situation worse/

Tips and Warnings:

1. It is easy to act suspicious when you are nervous so be aware of your actions and do not make any quick movements that may cause an officer to become defensive.
2. Do not resist arrest or argue with the police if brought to the police station for questioning. If you are carrying a weapon, keep your hands where the officer can see them and let them know immediately that you are armed.