

Cop Watching Pro-Tips

If you are being told you are “interfering with an investigation” by CPD, you can say...

- “I am just making sure no one’s rights are being violated.”`
 - “Am I breaking the law?”
 - “I am watching from a reasonable distance.”
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If an officer gets closer to you, you can say...

- “I am a safe distance away. You are now violating my rights.”
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If asked by an officer to step back...

- Take one step back while saying and repeating: “I am exercising my right to record and document police activity.”
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Cop watching **increases** your chance of interacting with police & potentially being arrested. Be careful with unnecessary risks:

- Do you have drugs, alcohol or a knife over 3 inches on you?
- Are you on parole, probation, or have a warrant?
- Are you undocumented?
- Do you have various ID's on you?
- Are you currently staying at a shelter or living in public housing?
- Are you alone?

If you said “yes” to any of those question above: you are at a **higher risk than others. We advise you cop watch from a far distance (i.e. across the street or down the street).**

Important contacts to know:

1-800-LAW-REP-4

First Defense Legal Aid provides free, 24-hour legal representation to people in Chicago Police custody. Call them if you get a name + date of birth from the person being arrested.

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Tweet at the **People’s Response Team** to live-document police harassment you are witnessing. Remember, get police officer faces and badge numbers, not the faces of CPD’s victims.