

# HAVE YOU BEEN ARRESTED?

If you have been arrested and charged with any type of criminal offense in Massachusetts, then you need to start building the strongest defense immediately to avoid unforeseen penalties and consequences.

## 1

Do not talk to the police. It is not a requirement and this could hurt your case. You don't have to give a statement. Don't worry about appearing guilty.

## 2

You must speak with your lawyer first.

## 3

You have a right to remain silent.

*It is important to take the right steps but it's just as important to avoid common mistakes with your case.*

# IF YOU HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

The police must tell you who they are, and why you have been arrested or why you are being held. You only need to identify yourself if you are A) driving a car, B) arrested, or C) getting a ticket.

Once you determine that you have been arrested. You have the right to talk to your attorney. It is important that you take full advantage of this right. **You must do these three things:**

## 1

If the police try to question you or coerce you into questioning or make you feel like you have no other choice. Do not answer questions or give information to the police. Remember that anything you do or say can be used against you in court.

## 2

Talk to your lawyer.

## 3

Do not answer any questions without your attorney present.

# IF YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED?

You should meet with your lawyer if you haven't already. A lawyer will help you understand your options and the best course of action in light of the evidence against you. Then you can choose the best strategy for your case together with expert legal counsel.

## *Understand Your Rights*

**In Massachusetts you have specific rights.**

- The right to know what you have been arrested for and charged with
- The right to know who is accusing you of a crime
- The right not to be arrested under false pretenses
- The right not to have excessive force used against you
- The right to remain silent
- The right to speak to an attorney
- The right to a hearing
- The right to see evidence and see your accusers face to face
- The right to a trial, a jury trial for certain crimes
- The right to an interpreter
- The right to bail, unless there is a good reason to deny it

If you need free initial consultation, please contact Dhar Law, LLP right away.

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