

INTERACTING WITH THE POLICE

WHAT TO DO IF AN OFFICER
HAS BUSINESS WITH YOU.



Salt Lake City Police Officers stop people everyday

IT IS A NECESSARY PART OF THEIR JOB



WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.
BE COOPERATIVE - BUT ALSO
REMEMBER YOU HAVE RIGHTS.

A person may be stopped or approached by law enforcement for many reasons. These could include:

- a traffic violation
- suspicious behavior
- questioning as part of a criminal investigation
- appearing to need help.

A person could be stopped while driving or walking down the street. He or she could also be paid a visit at home.

However, officers are required to respect people's rights—these rights protect everyone from:

- having to answer questions (other than ones about identification) that a person may not wish to answer
- being held without probable cause
- improper searches.

If an officer has business with you, be sure you:

- stay calm
- do not become defensive or rude
- give your name, address and show your identification, if requested

You do not have to answer any other questions unless you want to.

If you are not free to leave, by law you have the right to:

- remain silent
- have a lawyer with you while you are questioned.

If you have a concern about how you were treated, you may file a complaint with the Internal Affairs Unit. You also may seek legal advice on your own.



If you are stopped while driving

An officer can pull you over if there is a good reason (probable cause) to believe a law has been broken.

You may be pulled over if:

- you were driving too fast
- you committed a traffic violation
- your driving was posing a hazard
- your vehicle matches the description of one reported stolen or used in a crime
- you have faulty equipment.

Officers also may stop vehicles at road blocks to check for possible violations.





What you should do:

- Pull over to the right when it is safe to do so. Come to a full stop.
- Turn on the interior light. If you've stopped at night.
- Roll down your window and wait inside the vehicle for the officer. Listen for any instructions. Don't get out unless told to do so.
- Keep your hands on the steering wheel so the officer can see them.
- Tell an officer before reaching for any items.

REMEMBER, OFFICERS ARE ALERT FOR SIGNS OF DANGER AT TRAFFIC STOPS.

When the officer approaches your vehicle:

- Be polite and respectful. Stay calm.
- Do not move suddenly—the officer may think you're making a threatening move.

What may happen next?

- The officer may ask for your license and vehicle registration, or other identification.
- The officer may choose to give you a ticket. Sign it, if asked—doing this does not mean you're admitting guilt.

Don't argue with the officer. If you feel a ticket is not justified, you have the right to appeal it in court.



If the officer asks to search your vehicle, it is your right to refuse. But the officer can search if:

- he or she has a warrant
- something illegal is in plain view
- there are reasonable grounds (probable cause) for believing something illegal is inside
- you are arrested.

The officer also may do a “pat-down” search to check for any weapons on your person—if the officer has a reasonable basis to fear for his or her safety.

Keep your cool. Help make the traffic stop go as smoothly and quickly as possible.

If a police officer comes to your home

Ask to see photo identification, especially if an officer is not in a uniform.

Officers may come to your home if:

- there is a complaint—loud noises, for example
- someone in the home called 9-1-1 or could be in danger
- you may play a role in a criminal investigation
- they need to alert you to a problem in the neighborhood.

In most cases, officers need a warrant to enter your home—either an arrest warrant or a search warrant. Officers may enter without a warrant if:

- you choose to let them in
- someone's safety could be at stake
- evidence is in danger of being destroyed or removed
- criminal activity is in plain view



If officers have a proper warrant, signed by a court official, you must let them in.

A search warrant allows officers to search your home—but only for the specific items named in the warrant. Check to see that:

- the warrant is for your address
- you get a written receipt for any personal property taken.

An arrest warrant allows officers to make an arrest and to search the immediate area where the arrest is made. Check the warrant to be sure they have the right person.



The law give you responsibilities—and rights. Knowing them can make a difference, whether you are stopped while driving, stopped on foot or visited at home. You should:

- try to work with law enforcement—be polite and respectful
- know and understand your rights.

HELP MAKE THE SITUATION EASIER FOR YOU AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Vehicle Registration

WHO MUST REGISTER THEIR VEHICLE?

Anyone who engages in a trade, occupation, profession or gainful employment in Utah for more than sixty days or has resided in the state for more than ninety days.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Bring to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) the following for each vehicle:

- Most recent registration, title, Utah Safety Inspection Certificate (if required), Utah Emission Certificate (if required), Serial number (VIN) inspection (if being titled in Utah for the first time), at least one person whose name must appear on the new title.

DO I NEED INSURANCE?

No-Fault insurance must be maintained on your car or truck throughout the vehicle's registration period if:

- You are a resident;
- You are a non-resident who operates a motor vehicle, which has been physically present in Utah for 90 days during the preceding 365 days. Under such circumstances, you must maintain no-fault insurance while the vehicle remains in the state.

All motor vehicles, (excluding off-highway vehicles) must maintain liability coverage during the registration period.

AM I REQUIRED TO HAVE A SAFETY INSPECTION?

As of January 1, 2018 a vehicle safety inspection is no longer required for most vehicles to be registered or to renew the registration. Vehicles are still required to be in compliance with state laws related to

vehicle equipment and vehicle Safety Inspection standards in order to be operated on Utah's roads.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE DRIVING A VEHICLE, YOU MUST CARRY PROOF OF INSURANCE AND PRESENT IT TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPON REQUEST.

The vehicles listed below are required to pass a Safety Inspection after January 1, 2018:

- Salvage Vehicle
- Street-Legal ATV
- Commercial Vehicle
- School Bus
- Bus or Van for Hire
- Taxicab
- Ground Transportation Service Provider
- Three or more Axles

For more information about Safety Inspections, call the Utah Highway Patrol at (801) 965-4889.



HOW DO I GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE?

Getting a driver's license is not difficult; you just need to follow some simple steps. Start by reviewing what is required on driverlicense.utah.gov. There you will find resources, locations and contact information to help you through the process.

How to contact the police

CALL US

If you are experiencing an emergency, call **911**.

General Information: **(801) 799-3100**. Please use this phone number if you need directions to the Public Safety Building, lobby hours, or seek to follow-up on an old case and do not recall the case number or investigator's name.

Non-Emergency: **(801) 799-3000**. Please use this phone number if you require an officer to respond but it isn't an emergency. Calling this number keeps our 911 phone lines open to help those who require an emergency response.

EMAIL US

General email Address: **slcpd@slcgov.com**. Please use this email address for all general correspondence.

VISIT US

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475 South 300 East
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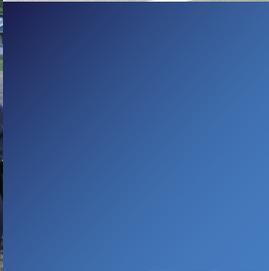
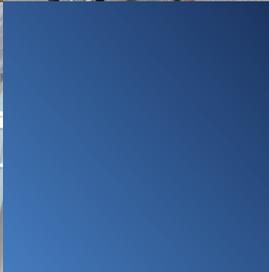
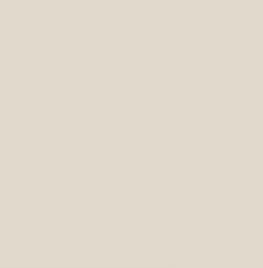
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SUBMIT A CRIME TIP

To submit a secure and anonymous text message through any mobile phone use the following information:

Keyword: **"TIPSLCPD"** Send to: **"CRIMES"** (274637)




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