

The Dayton Police Department
335 W. Third Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402

EMERGENCY

911

NON-EMERGENCY

333-COPS (2677)

INFORMATION

333-1000

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WHAT TO DO.....
WHEN THE
POLICE KNOCK
ON YOUR DOOR



Guidelines for
interacting with law
enforcement officials



IF THE POLICE COME TO YOUR DOOR

...and ask to come in; make sure each individual is really a law enforcement representative by requesting to see a badge and/or identification card. Be pleasant but serious.

Make sure that the officers are at the correct house by asking, "How can I help you?" and/or "What brings you to my home?" Reasons why police may be at your home include:

- ❖ They may have an arrest or search warrant;
- ❖ Be actively investigating a crime;
- ❖ Be in "hot pursuit" of an individual suspected of committing a crime and running into your house or;
- ❖ There is an emergency situation such as a 911 disconnect or someone yelling for help.



If the officers insist on entering your home, you may verbally express any objections you may have; however, do not resist or argue with them to try to prevent them from entering.

Later when the situation is under control, you have the right to ask the officers to explain their actions and also to ask them for their name and ID numbers. (Officers cannot refuse to give you their names and ID numbers) **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE OFFICERS.** Instead, if you are not satisfied, you can ask to have a supervisor respond or file a complaint with the Police Department.



Remember the badge numbers, what the officers look like and the time of day. Write it all down.

- ❖ Try to stay calm and control your emotions.
- ❖ Do not make threatening motions or statements to the officers talking to you.
- ❖ Even if you are innocent, you may be arrested if you use threatening language or gestures towards the officer or cause a disturbance and a crowd forms causing the officer to fear for their safety.