

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR NEW
DRIVERS

What to Do When Pulled Over by Police

A clear step-by-step guide for new drivers in Florida



Step-by-Step Guide: What to Do If You're Pulled Over in Florida

Step 1: Stay Calm and Pull Over Safely
As soon as you see flashing lights, signal and move to the right side of the road.
Choose a safe, well-lit area if possible.
Put your car in park and turn off the engine.

Step 2: Keep Your Hands Visible
Stay in your seat and don't reach for anything unless asked.
Place your hands on the steering wheel where the officer can see them.

Step 3: Wait for Instructions
Don't open your door or get out unless told to.
Wait for the officer to come to your window and speak to you.

Step 4: Be Polite and Show Required Documents
If asked, provide:
Driver's license
Vehicle registration
Proof of insurance
Say:
"I'm reaching for my wallet/glove box now."
before grabbing anything.

Step 5: You Don't Have to Answer All Questions

You have the right to remain silent.
You don't need to explain where you've been
or where you're going.

You can say:
"I choose to remain silent."

Step 6: Don't Consent to a Search

Unless they have a warrant or probable
cause, they need your permission to search
your car.

You can say:
"I do not consent to a search."

Step 7: Follow Orders, But Know Your Rights

If the officer tells you to get out, you must do
so.

Stay respectful, even if you disagree.
Never argue or resist during the stop. You can
challenge things later in court.

Step 8: If You're Arrested

Say:
"I want to speak to an attorney."
Do not answer questions without a lawyer.

Bonus Tips for Florida Drivers

 No phone use while driving – it's illegal for people to text and drive.

 You can record the stop, but don't interfere or be aggressive.

 Refusing a breathalyzer or drug test can lead to license suspension, even if you aren't convicted.

Remember!

Stay Calm! Respect the Officer! Comply!

If you feel the officer is not safe, call 911!