

# ENCOUNTERS with POLICE

*Sexual orientation or perceived orientation, gender identity or gender expression and race are not legitimate reasons for a police officer to stop, frisk or search you.*

## POLICE OFFICERS ARE PERMITTED:

- To stop (temporarily detain) you when they have **reasonable suspicion** that you are committing, have committed or are about to commit a crime.
- To frisk you (pat down your outer clothing) when they have **reasonable suspicion** that you have a weapon.
- To search you when they have **probable cause** to believe you committed a crime.

*Police officers are required to give their name and badge number when asked; they are not allowed to use excessive or unnecessary force, to be discourteous or to use homophobic or transphobic slurs or other offensive language.*



## IF YOU THINK YOU'VE EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED POLICE MISCONDUCT

File a complaint with the  
**NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB).**

Call CCRB: **1-800-341-2272 or 311**; or file a  
complaint online: **[www.nyc.gov/ccrb](http://www.nyc.gov/ccrb)**

*The CCRB is an independent agency and not part of the police department. Civilian staff investigate complaints impartially. If the board finds that misconduct occurred, CCRB attorneys prosecute officers who face administrative charges, the most severe discipline.*

*The CCRB offers people the chance to resolve a complaint through mediation.*

For more Information: **[www.nyc.gov/ccrb](http://www.nyc.gov/ccrb)**