



LEGAL MATTERS

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Your rights if a child protective agency knocks at your door

An investigation conducted by an agency for children services can be a frightening and stressful experience. It is important to stay calm and understand your rights during the process.

1. Ask what the specific allegations are against you.
2. Allow the caseworker to inspect your home and speak with the child(ren).
3. Cooperate by providing your name, employer, name of the children's school and the names of household members – but **DO NOT** participate in the investigation.
4. Do not discuss the current allegations or any past allegations with the caseworker. Anything you say can and will be used against you.
5. **DO NOT** sign any documents or forms until you have spoken with a lawyer.

Call the 32BJ Legal Services Fund at 800-551-3225 for immediate representation.



CALL MEMBER SERVICES AT 800-551-3225 to make an appointment to see a lawyer at no cost to you.

If you have a legal concern, only a lawyer who knows the specific facts of your case can give you advice.

DO THE POLICE WANT TO TALK TO YOU?

If you are ever arrested, you should act in a calm and cooperative manner with the police and provide your identifying information. But you should **NOT** talk about the case or discuss the accusations against you. Similarly, the police will call or visit your home or workplace and say they aren't there to arrest you but to "discuss" the case. **DON'T** volunteer any information other than your name and address. Tell the police you cannot discuss anything without having your lawyer present.

If you are ever facing arrest, call the 32BJ Legal Services Fund at 800-551-3225 for more information.

