

# IDENTITY CONTROL (CONTROL OF LEGALITY OF RESIDENCE)



The police does not have the right to control whom they want on the street. Identity control is limited to certain following situations:

## Identity control is limited to a number of situations :

- Suspected of **violation(crime)**,
- By the order of prosecutor **in specific area and limited time**.
- **In the borders** (up to 20km), train stations, trains, port areas, airports and highways.
- For **foreigners** (residence permit control) : only if they show foreigner characteristics (foreign language, foreign newspaper, foreign license plate...).



## What documents to present?

### For foreigners:

Residence permit, *récepissé*, valid visa.

- **You can prove your identity with all documents showing your name, surname and picture**, for exemple with a *pass Navigo*

**⚠ In case of control in the public transports if you do not have a valid ticket, it is forbidden to flee the scene until police arrives. Otherwise the penalty is 2 months of imprisonment or 7500-euro fine.**

✓ Refusing/ being unable to provide one's identity document is not a crime.

✗ Presenting false identity and fake documents is a crime.

## What to do if you are arrested?

- **Be calm and polite.**
- **Remember the place**, time, street number, name of store, a coffee shop or a metro station for example.
- **Remember the type of police** (national police, CRS, PAF, gendarmerie), if possible remember the RIO number (7 numbers written on the police officer's chest).
- **If the police are violent**, ask to stop and scream **"You hurt me"** multiple times so the bystanders listen.
- You **can film the scene** or can ask witnesses to film.
- You **should not share your telephone code.**

**⚠ The police does not have the right to:**

- **Refuse being filmed.**
- **To hit.**
- **To be violent and to insult.**

- If it's not possible to prove one's identity, an ADULT can be taken to a **police station** and be **detained** for a maximum of **4 hours**.

During detention if the police is not able to identify the person, they can take photos and the finger prints.

- During detention the person has the right to make a call.
- At the end of detention, police must give the person a detention report.