



Tips for Talking to the Police

The police want to search my server, my personal computer, or my phone. What do I do now?

Don't consent to a search.

- Say "No," and tell the police to come back with a warrant.
- If you voluntarily agree to a search, they don't need a warrant to enter your house or search your computer.

Ask to see a search warrant.

- If the police say they have a warrant, you have a right to see it.
- Make sure they are only searching the areas the warrant authorizes them to search.

You can stay silent.

- You don't have to say a word to the police or help their search.
- You don't have to give your encryption keys or passwords to the police.
- If you decide to talk to the police, tell them the truth — lying to the police is a crime.
- Once the police are searching your home or computer, don't interfere or obstruct their search.

Talk to a lawyer.

- If the police want to search your home, your business, or your electronic devices — or even just talk to you — you should talk to a lawyer before any search or discussion with the police, if possible.
- A lawyer can help you deal with the police, and may be able to help you get back any electronic devices the police took from you while searching.

WHEN OFFICER FRIENDLY ASKS:

MAY I SEARCH YOUR
DIGITAL DEVICE?



YOU CAN SAY:

NO

COME BACK WITH A WARRANT!

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