



## 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?



*COME BACK WITH A WARRANT!*

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