



Your Child Has Been Arrested. What Now?

10 Critical Steps Every Parent Should Take

When panic sets in, the wrong move can make things worse. This quick-action guide helps parents stay calm, protect their child's rights, and avoid common mistakes that can harm their case. Provided by National Injury Attorneys, experienced advocates for families and youth across Arizona and New Mexico.

1. Remain calm. Your reaction sets the tone for what happens next.
2. Don't ask questions about the case in front of the police. Your child may unintentionally incriminate themselves.
3. Do ask your child if they are physically hurt.
4. Request medical attention for your child if necessary to a hospital.
5. Take down the police department name, officer names, and badge numbers.
6. Ask to see your child privately.
7. Meet your child at the police station or juvenile detention center to pick them up.
8. Do not discuss what happened in front of the police. Be cautious even in interrogation rooms.
9. Decline police questioning until you speak with a lawyer.
10. Handle discipline at home privately if needed — not in front of law enforcement.

If your child has been arrested or questioned by police, call National Injury Attorneys immediately. Our experienced legal team will protect your child's rights and guide your family through every step.