

HR HELSINKI FOUNDATION
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

**YOU HAVE A RIGHT
TO PEACEFUL
ASSEMBLY!**



If the Police check your identity or you are apprehended during an assembly, **YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:**

- ask the Police officer about their name and rank,
- record the Police's intervention in a way that does not interfere with their actions (however, you DO NOT have the right to a further distribution of this footage, e.g. in social media),
- present your version of the events.

If the Police check your identity or you are apprehended during an assembly, **YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:**

- be informed about the reasons for the apprehension,
- ask the Police to make an immediate contact with your lawyer (NOTE: you may be required to give the officer the phone number or at least the name and surname of the lawyer so that they can search for the number on the Internet),
- have a third person (e.g. your family member) informed about the apprehension,
- obtain the necessary medical aid (NOTE: inform the Police about your health condition),

- receive a copy of the written record of your apprehension (NOTE: read the copy very carefully and inform the Police about any changes you would like to make to this text before signing it),
- submit a complaint to court within 7 days since the apprehension, questioning its legality, legitimacy and correctness,
- an immediate release after the reasons for the apprehension expire,
- a release after 24 hours from the moment of the apprehension if you were arrested in order to check your identity or in reference to the suspicion of having committed a minor offence,
- a release after 48 hours from the moment of the apprehension in reference to the suspicion of having committed a crime (NOTE: if, within these 48 hours, the motion for your pre-trial detention is submitted to the court, your arrest may be prolonged up to another 24 hours, making it in total 72 hours. Within this time you have to obtain the court's decision ordering the pre-trial detention or be released on its expiry).

Emergency contact (e.g. to a lawyer):

Remember that the Police **ARE ENTITLED TO:**

- check your identity (NOTE: upon the request of a Police officer show them your ID or passport),
- use coercive measures (e.g. handcuffs) in order to enforce (in accordance with the law) a certain behaviour, push back an illegal attack on life, health or liberty of a person or prevent violation of public order or security,
- apprehend a person in order to establish their identity or in reference to the suspicion of having committed a crime by this person,
- apprehend a person posing a direct threat to life, health or property,
- search a person suspected of having committed a minor offence or a crime,
- monitor and register the events taking place in public spaces.