

Know Your Rights

For answers to frequently asked questions about Juvenile and Family Court Cases, visit [this website on TNCourt.gov](http://TNCourt.gov).

The Rights of Minors

If the police charge you with a delinquent offense:

1. You have a right not to answer questions, except you must tell the police your name, age, address and parents' names. Anything you say can be used against you in court.
2. You have a right to have your parents told where you are and why.
3. You have a right to talk with a lawyer. You can ask to have one appointed for you.
4. You have the right to stop talking anytime during questioning and wait until your lawyer comes.
5. The police only have to tell you your rights if they ask you questions.
6. If you are placed in detention, you have all the above rights, plus the right to a detention hearing within three days (not counting weekends and holidays).
7. If you are placed in detention for a status offense, your detention hearing must take place within 24 hours (not counting weekends and holidays).
8. The law says that youth should never be placed in an adult jail unless the case is transferred to another court for criminal prosecution.

Learn more [here](#).