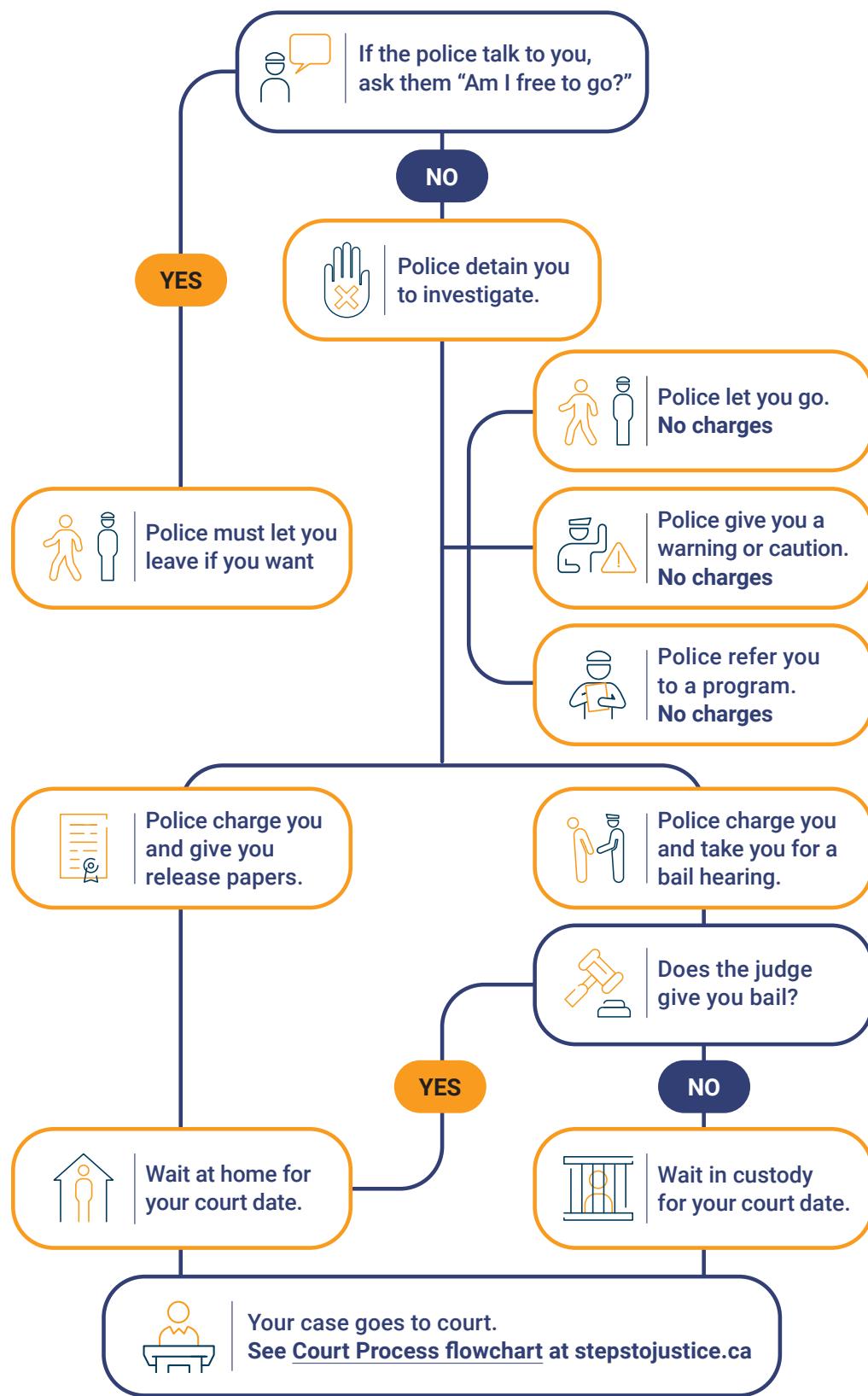


When police talk to youth aged 12-17



Police can detain you if they believe you're connected to a crime.

For example, you match the description of a suspect.

While you're detained or arrested:

- Police must tell you why.
- You don't have to answer police questions but you should say your name and age. Giving a fake name is a crime.
- Police must help you call a free lawyer.
- Police must help you contact an adult.
- When you're detained, police can do a pat down search for weapons.
- When you're arrested, police can do a full search for weapons and evidence.

Police can only charge you if a less serious option would not be enough to make you feel responsible for what you did.

You can find more information about Youth Criminal Justice at stepstojustice.ca.

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