

# Contact Us

If you have a question about procedures or a complaint about your treatment, contact the department and ask to speak with a supervisor. You are also encouraged to contact the department if you were satisfied with the conduct of the officer.

## CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Departments of NYS University Police

### University at Albany

1400 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12222  
(518) 442-3130

### Binghamton University

P.O. Box 6000  
Binghamton, NY 13902-6000  
(607) 777-2393

### University at Buffalo

Bissell Hall Amherst, NY 14260  
(716) 645-2229

### Stony Brook University

Dutchess Hall, South Campus  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-0701  
(631) 632-6350

### SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Box 1201,  
450 Clarkson Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11203  
(718) 270-3161

### Upstate Medical University

750 East Adams Street  
Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 464-4134

### SUNY Brockport

350 New Campus Drive  
Brockport, NY 14420  
(585) 395-2226

### Buffalo State College

1300 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222-1095  
(716) 878-6332

### SUNY Cortland

P.O. Box 2000,  
C-17 Van Hoesen  
Cortland, NY 13045  
(607) 753-2112

### SUNY Fredonia

Gregory Hall, 2nd Floor  
Fredonia, NY 14063  
(716) 673-3333

### SUNY Geneseo

Schrader, Room 19  
Geneseo, NY 14454-1450  
(585) 245-5651

### SUNY New Paltz

75 S. Manheim Boulevard  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
(845) 257-3802

### Old Westbury

P.O. Box 210  
Old Westbury,  
NY 11568-0210  
(516) 876-3146

### College at Oneonta

One Alumni Hall  
Oneonta, NY 13820-4015  
(607) 436-2491

### SUNY Oswego

Pathfinder Hall, Building 3  
Oswego, NY 13126  
(315) 312-5555

### Maritime College

6 Pennyfield Avenue  
Throggs Neck, NY 10465  
(718) 409-7311

### SUNY Plattsburgh

101 Broad Street  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901  
(518) 564-2022

### SUNY Potsdam

44 Pierrepont Avenue  
Potsdam, NY 13676-2294  
(315) 267-2222

### Purchase College

735 Anderson Hill Road  
Purchase, NY 10577-1400  
(914) 251-6900

### Alfred State College

10 College Drive,  
Victorian House  
Alfred, NY 14802  
(607) 587-3999

### SUNY Canton

34 Cornell Drive  
Canton, NY 13617  
(315) 386-7117

### SUNY Cobleskill

137 West Main Street,  
St. Johns, Cobleskill, NY 12043  
(518) 255-5317

### SUNY Delhi

North Hall, Delhi, NY 13753  
(607) 746-4700

### Farmingdale State College

2350 Broadhollow Road  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(631) 420-2112

### Morrisville State College

PO Box 901, Brooks Hall  
Morrisville, NY 13408-0636  
(315) 684-6410

### College of Environmental Science and Forestry

19 Bray Hall  
Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 470-6667

### College of Optometry

33 West 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 938-5566

### SUNY Polytechnic Institute (Albany)

Nano Fab East, #1701  
257 Fuller Road  
Albany, NY 12203  
(518) 437-8600

### SUNY Polytechnic Institute (Utica)

126 Kunsela Hall  
Utica, NY 13502  
(315) 792-7222

### SUNY System Admin

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(518) 320-1500



## New York State University Police

You see flashing red lights  
in your rear view mirror...

# NOW WHAT?



The State University  
of New York

# What To Do When Stopped

**A police officer may pull you over at anytime for a traffic offense or police investigation. If that happens to you, here are some important things to keep in mind...**

1. When you see the red overhead lights and/ or hear the siren, remain calm and safely pull over to the right side of the road.
2. Remain in your vehicle unless the officer advises otherwise.
3. Keep your hands on the steering wheel so the officer can see them. Hands that are not clearly visible can indicate danger to an officer.
4. Avoid any sudden movements, especially toward the floor-board, rear seat or passenger side of the vehicle. Those actions may be interpreted as reaching for weapons.
5. Do not immediately reach for your license or other documents until the officer requests them. New York State Law requires drivers to show their license, registration, and proof of vehicle insurance upon request.
6. If your documents are out of reach, tell the officer where they are before you reach for them.
7. If the stop occurs after dark, put on your dome or interior lights so the officer can see that all is in order with no hidden threats.
8. If there are passengers in your vehicle, encourage them to remain quiet and cooperate with instructions. You, as the operator, are solely responsible for your vehicle and its occupants.
9. The officer may issue you a summons. If you feel the reason is vague or unclear, ask the officer for details.
10. Avoid becoming argumentative. Arguing will not change the officer's mind. If you contest the violation, you will have an opportunity to address the matter in court.
11. Many departments use one-officer patrol cars, especially in the suburbs. Do not be alarmed if you see more than one patrol car for a traffic stop.
12. Finally, if you receive a summons, take receipt of it calmly. Accepting a summons is not an admission of guilt.

# Reasons You Might Be Pulled Over

**Whatever the reason, the officer needs your cooperation.**

**You may have committed a traffic violation.**

**You may fit the description of a suspect.**

**The officer might think you are in trouble and need help.**

**You may have witnessed a crime.**

If you are stopped by the police while driving, you may feel confused, anxious, or even angry. These are natural feelings, but remember, traffic stops can also be stressful and dangerous for the police officer.

Each year, a number of law enforcement officers are killed or seriously injured while making a "routine" traffic stop. Police officers are especially vulnerable during hours of darkness.

With this in mind, there are things that you can do as a law-abiding citizen to help lessen the unpleasantness of the experience.

**Remember:** In all cases when stopped, a person is required to cooperate with police instructions

# Each Situation Is Unique

**Officers must tailor their responses to fit the circumstances.**

**A police officer will...**

Provide their name and badge number upon request.

Present proper identification if not in uniform. You may request to examine their credentials so you are satisfied they are a law enforcement officer.

You may also request that a uniformed officer with a marked patrol car respond if you are not comfortable with the situation.

Inform a person of the reason for being stopped.

Use only the force necessary to effect an arrest of a suspect and to maintain

the custody of the prisoner.

Not search the body of a person of the opposite sex except to prevent injury to the officer or another person, or to prevent the destruction or disposal of evidence.

Only arrest a person for an offense committed in the officer's presence, or when the officer has probable cause to believe the person has already committed the crime.

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## Did You Know:

**New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law** requires all drivers shall yield the right of way to emergency vehicles. Drivers are to immediately pull over parallel to the right edge, stop, and remain in a stopped position until the emergency vehicle has passed.