



MINNESOTA JUDICIAL TRAINING UPDATE

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An Introduction to the TURNSIGNL On-Demand Lawyer App

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THE DRIVER'S **SAFETY GUIDE** FOR MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS

Steps to take before and during a motor vehicle stop

Introduction to the TURNSIGNL On-Demand Lawyer App:

- 1) **High-Quality Legal Guidance:** The TurnSignl Mobile App provides 24/7/365 on-demand teleconferencing with attorneys during traffic stops and after car accidents with your cell phone camera automatically recording the interaction. Attorneys are trained to de-escalate potentially tense interactions, advocate for drivers' civil rights, and ensure both drivers and law enforcement officers return home safely;
- 2) **Advance Technology:** In the event of a traffic-related incident, drivers can press a button or use a voice command to connect with an attorney and record the event. All interactions are stored and encrypted into the user's personal cloud. In 2022 the TurnSignl app was awarded the prestigious American Bar Association Best New Technology Award and is currently available in 50 states;
- 3) **Commitment to Social Justice:** TurnSignl is proud to be a Black-owned, mission-driven company, and was created to bridge the gap between drivers and police. TurnSignl's mission is to protect drivers' civil rights, de-escalate roadside interactions, and ensure drivers and law enforcement officers return home safely, focusing on marginalized communities including non-white and LGBTQ+ individuals.

1. STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE POLICE:

- a. Always have your driver's license with you and make sure it is current;
- b. Keep your proof of insurance and current registration in the glove box;
- c. Make sure your license tabs are current;
- d. Make sure there are no mechanical problems with your car (broken tail light, etc.);
- e. Keep your car quiet, don't rev your engine, loud noises attract police attention;
- f. Obey the law; don't speed or drive under the influence; don't possess anything illegal or let passengers bring anything illegal into your car. You are responsible for what and who is in your car;
- g. Wear your seat belt. Minnesota has a mandatory seat belt law (M.S. 169.686). You can be pulled over for not having your seatbelt on.
- h. Make sure the TurnSignl app is installed on your cell phone. The phone should be properly mounted and within your reach. Download the app at www.turnsignl.com.

- 1) Recording commences at the push of a button:
- 2) Real-time video access to an attorney 24/7.



2. STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU ARE BEING PULLED OVER BY THE POLICE:

- a. Activate the TurnSignl app on your cell phone (push button or voice activated);
- b. Pull over to the side of the road as soon as you can do so safely;
- c. Turn your car engine off (unless it's so cold you need the heater on). From an officer's viewpoint, a running engine increases the risk a driver could suddenly drive off;

- d. If it's night or dark out turn on your overhead dome light;
- e. Lower your window fully or partially depending on the weather;
- f. Put both hands on top of the steering wheel;
- g. Answer any questions your TurnSignl attorney asks you. The attorney/client privilege means anything you say to your attorney is confidential (so answer truthfully!).

3. IMPORTANT: DURING THE STOP FOLLOW THESE BASIC RULES:

- a. Regardless of your personal feelings, ditch the attitude, be polite and respectful;
- b. Do NOT make any furtive movements (movements that are sudden or unexpected);
- c. Advise the officer that you have the TurnSignl app and your attorney is present;
- d. **Follow all commands of the officer even if you believe it violates your civil rights.**

Remember, the entire interaction is being recorded. You can tell the officer you do not agree with his/her command but that you will still cooperate. If it turns out the officer violated your civil rights you can raise those issues at a later time.

- e. Do NOT consent to a search of your vehicle;
- f. Do NOT open your car door unless directed to do so by the officer;
- g. Do NOT admit to wrongdoing. Respond only to questions the officer asks in the simplest answers. This generally means "yes," "no" or "I don't know."



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