

# DO'S & DONT'S

## DO'S

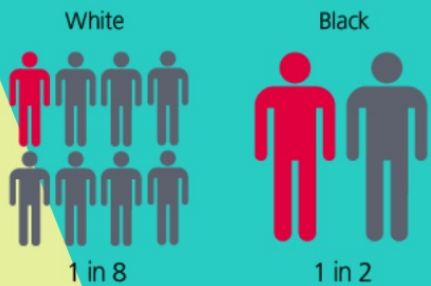
- Keep your hands where the officer can see them
- Stay in your car
- Do what the officer asks

## DONT'S

- Do not try to run
- Do not resist
- Do not obstruct the officer
- Do not lie or give false documents

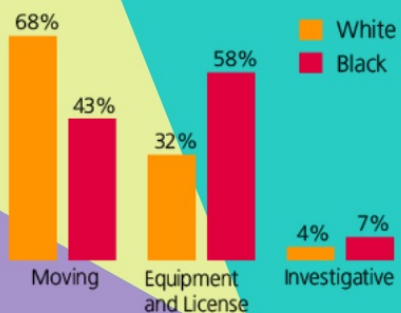
## STATISTICS

### Population stopped



Blacks were over 3.5 times as likely as whites to be stopped.

### Reason for stop



The majority of whites were stopped for a moving violation; the majority of blacks for an equipment or license problem.

Blacks were also more likely to be stopped for investigative reasons.

## THE HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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For more information on crime prevention activities in your area, call the High Point Police Department, or check out their website.

<https://www.highpointnc.gov/2332/Police-Department>

**LAW ENFORCEMENT DO'S & DONT'S**

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# TERMS

**Police Brutality:** The use of excessive force or unnecessary force by police when dealing with civilians

**Police Misconduct:** Illegal or unethical actions or the violation of individuals constitutional rights by police officers in their conduct of duties

**Racial Profiling:** The discriminatory practice by law enforcement officials of targeting individuals for suspicion of crime based on the individuals race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin

**Traffic Stop:** A routine traffic stop justified if the police officer has a reasonable suspicion that someone is driving without their license or the vehicle is unregistered



# STOPPED? HERE'S WHAT TO DO

## STOPPED IN A CAR?

- Safely pull over to a place out of the flow of traffic as soon as the police officer activates their lights
- Remain in your vehicle
- Stay calm and keep your hands visible on the steering wheel
- If you have passengers, ask them to sit quietly with their hands visible
- Avoid sudden movements or ducking in seats: these actions can alarm the officer
- If it is dark turn your inside lights on when you pull the car over: this can help reduce the officers concerns about possible threats

## STOPPED ON THE STREET?

- Be courteous
- Follow all reasonable instructions by the officer
- Keep your hands visible to the officer
- Don't run. It will make you look guilty of something and you could injure yourself
- Don't lie. You could be charged with a crime
- Don't get in the way if an officer is arresting someone you are with into custody. This could cause you to be arrested for interfering.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: WHAT AN OFFICER **CAN NOT DO**

- Harass you
- Discriminate against you
- Can not search your car unless they have probable cause that you have a weapon, there is evidence of a crime in plain view or have a valid warrant to search your vehicle
- **\*\*\*If any illegal or unethical activity occurs, you should report it to a supervising police officer in your jurisdiction\*\*\***

## MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THESE DOCUMENTS

1

Drivers  
License

2

Vehicle  
Registration

3

Proof of  
Insurance