FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE POLICE.

Have you had an experience with the police that you would like to complain about?

Retshjælpen Rusk (Rusk Legal Aid) helps send complaints against the police.

You can complain both about the police's decisions (e.g. the police's decisions to arrest you or search you) and about the police's conduct (i.e. *how* the police carry out those decisions, e.g. by using unnecessary force, calling you names, or subjecting you to discrimination).

Fill out this form and hand it in at our mailbox at the address:

Retshjælpen Rusk
Blågårdsgade 41, kl. Th.
2200 København N

or send it to our email: politiklage@rusklaw.dk

Please note:

Retshjælpen Rusk never submits a complaint on your behalf without having been in contact with you about your case first. **We will contact you by email** once we have reviewed your complaint form, and we may ask you to come in person to the legal aid office to elaborate on your complaint, if possible. You will always be allowed to read the complaint through first, and you can always change your mind.

Retshjælpen Rusk reserves the right not to take on a case if it is assessed that there is not sufficient legal basis for the complaint, or if the case cannot be handled by the legal aid office due to resource constraints.

Do you have questions?

Write to politiklage@rusklaw.dk

Power of Attorney

Full name: _____

CPR number (Danish civil registration no.) or date of birth: _ _ _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

I hereby grant Retshjælpen Rusk power of attorney to represent me and to obtain access to all information relating to my complaint against the police.

I understand that all correspondence will be sent to Retshjælpen Rusk as my legal representative for as long as this power of attorney is in effect.

This power of attorney lapses once Retshjælpen Rusk has completed its handling of this case, following a final decision. However, I may withdraw the power of attorney at any time by notifying Retshjælpen Rusk.

I also consent to Retshjælpen Rusk processing information about me for the purpose of filing a complaint against the police on my behalf, including disclosing necessary information to the police and/or the Independent Police Complaints Authority (Den Uafhængige Politiklagemyndighed) in connection with the complaint.

Date: _ _ / _ _ - _ _ _ _

Signature: _____

Contact Information

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Information about the incident

When did the incident you want to complain about happen?

Date: _____ Time: _____

Where did the incident you want to complain about happen?

Address / location:
_____

Were you body-searched?
YES____ NO____

Was your car searched?
YES____ NO____

Were you taken to the police station?
YES____ NO____

Did the police tell you what you were suspected/charged with?
YES____ NO____

If yes, what?
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_____
_____
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How much time passed before you were allowed to leave?
_____

Have you received a charge from the police following the incident?
YES____ NO____

If yes, for what?
_____
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Do you know the name or ID number of the officer(s)? If yes, what is it?
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Have you been stopped by the same officer(s) before?
YES____ NO____

Have you seen a doctor or gone to the emergency room following the incident?
YES____ NO____

If no, do you intend to?
YES____ NO____

Witnesses and Evidence

Was video or photos taken of the incident?
YES____ NO____

If yes, please send the material to politiklage@rusklaw.dk

Did anyone see what happened?
YES____ NO____

Do you have contact information for those people?
YES____ NO____

If yes, please send the contact information to politiklage@rusklaw.dk

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Your Experience

If the police use unnecessary force, call you names, or harass you, this may be unlawful. If you feel exposed or humiliated – for example, if you are searched in front of many people or if the police strip searched you – this may also be unlawful.

Describe what happened in your own words:

If you wish to send a longer description of the incident, and if you have photos, video material, or other documents supporting your complaint, you can send it to politiklage@rusklaw.dk

We will contact you once we have reviewed your complaint form. If we need further information, we will ask you for it then.

Health Information

If you have seen a doctor or gone to the emergency room, it may help your case if the Independent Police Complaints Authority is able to see your medical records. If

you want to give them permission to obtain your health information, please fill out the consent declaration below:

DECLARATION REGARDING MEDICAL INFORMATION ETC.

For use in the Independent Police Complaints Authority's handling of this case, the undersigned hereby consents to the Independent Police Complaints Authority obtaining all relevant information about me from a doctor, dentist, hospital, or other medical treatment facilities.

Name: _____

CPR number: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____