

#ARRESTCPS

STOP KIDNAPPING BLACK CHILDREN

The following are things you should know when encountering CPS/DHS or any of their counterparts.

1: Do NOT defend yourself!

Breathe. Be calm... and be quiet! Stay calm. The more you say, the more they know! Do NOT volunteer information for any reason.

2: Do NOT let them in the house!

Unless they have a warrant and/or there is an obvious emergency, they cannot force themselves into your home. Even if a police officer is present.

3: Ask Questions and Record Answers

Federal law gives you the right to know the exact nature of the allegations against you. If they say something vague, like "child

abuse" or "environmental neglect," demand specific answers. If the investigator states they have a warrant, ask to see it. Be sure it is actually signed and dated by a judge!

4: Do NOT assume they have a court order – or even enough evidence to get one. CPS usually doesn't have a lot of information in the first place. Don't assume they have a court order or even enough evidence to get one! They cannot come in your home without a court order unless they witness an emergency taking place. Child Protective Services cannot simply take your children away from your home. Except in exigent circumstances, a court order is required before CPS can legally remove a child from your home without your consent. Exigent means that an emergency is actively taking place and action must be taken immediately.

If you or someone you know is at risk for state intervention, contact us to see how you can join this campaign.

