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Q *Upon being arrested or detained, should I exercise my rights to counsel?*

A You have the constitutional right to retain and instruct counsel without delay or to seek Legal Aid duty counsel immediately after being arrested or detained.

This is one of the most important rights in Canadian criminal law because it guarantees all individuals have the opportunity to have legal matters explained to them by an experienced lawyer to ensure they understand their rights and how best to defend any charges they may face.

When consulting with counsel, do so in private and not in the presence of a police officer so you feel comfortable sharing all relevant information. Counsel will remind you of your right to remain silent during police questioning. This is important because anything you say at any time – not just formal statements – can be used against you.

In that consultation, counsel can share information about what to expect in such circumstances as a bail hearing or release on a ‘promise to appear.’

Remember, criminal convictions can adversely impact your life in countless ways. If you are placed under arrest or detained, immediately contact Kelly Greenway Bruce to ensure you know your rights and get the advice you need in a time of crisis.

