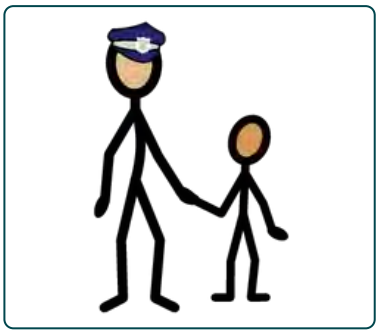
# What is the Role of a Police Officer in the Community?

## Protect and Serve:

Police officers protect us from harm and keep our community safe.



## Help with Emergencies:

When there's an emergency or someone needs help, police officers are there to help.

## Solve Problems:

Police officers solve crimes and arrest criminals.

## Educate and Support:

Police officers educate us about safety, laws, and how to stay out of danger. They're here to support us and answer our questions.

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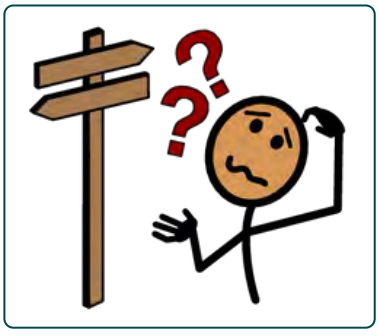
# Examples of Police Officers Helping

## Police Officers

**Directing traffic to keep everyone safe on the roads.**

**Support the community during accidents or emergencies.**



**Helping lost people find their way home.**



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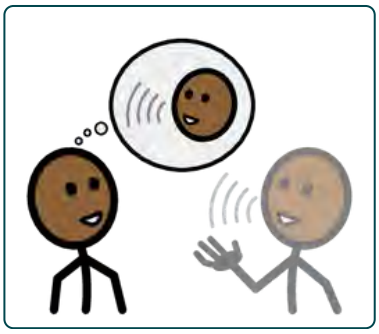
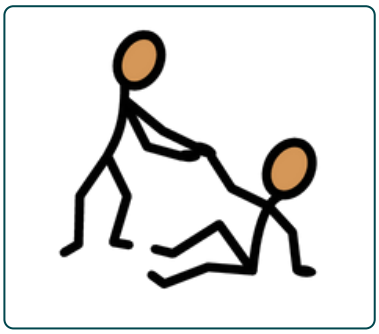
# How to Interact with Police Officers

## Police Officers



### Follow Instructions:

When a police officer speaks to us, we should listen carefully and follow their instructions.



### Ask for Help:

If we're ever in trouble or need assistance, we can ask a police officer for help.

### Keep Your Hands to Yourself:

Never touch or hit a police officer.

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# Police: Traffic Stop

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Police officers stop cars to make sure everyone is following the rules. This is part of their job to keep the community safe.

2

When we ride in a car, sometimes a police officer will need your car to stop.

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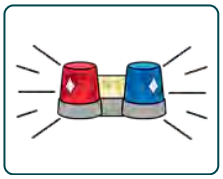

You may see bright lights and hear loud alarms when the police officer wants your car to stop.

4

The police officer will walk to the window of the driver or front seat passenger to ask questions.

5

The police officer may shine a flashlight into the car.

6

Even though it might be a little scary, we try to stay calm and follow the police officer's instructions.

7

While your car is stopped, you may have to wait while the police officer goes back to their car.

8

The police officer will tell the driver of the car when it's okay to start driving again.



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