



Safety and Police Encounters

Certificate Overview

Safety and Police Encounters is designed to provide practical strategies and general knowledge to help individuals, especially those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, navigate interactions with law enforcement safely. This certification educates individuals about their rights and responsibilities during police encounters, ensuring they are well-prepared for various situations.

The skill units explore specific scenarios such as traffic stops, searches, and home visits, explaining an individual's legal rights and how to exercise them appropriately. The certification also addresses the use of force by the police, the importance of disclosing disabilities, and the proper handling of identification.

The program covers the differences between Voluntary Contact, Investigative Detention, and Arrest. It emphasizes the importance of effective communication with officers, managing emotions during encounters, and understanding what to expect when dealing with law enforcement.

Safety and Police Encounters is structured to be accessible and engaging, with over 30 minutes of interactive instruction catering to various learning styles. Our platform allows for flexible scheduling, making it easy for both on-site and remote learning. Learners can revisit the material as needed to reinforce their understanding.



What's in Safety and Police Encounters?

Here's an outline of the badges and skill-units in our Safety and Police Encounters.



You and the Police

What do Police Officers Do in Our Community?

Why a Police Officer May Want to Talk with You

What is a K-9 Unit?

Completing and using a Safety Disclosure Card

Visiting Your Local Police Department

The Three C's of safety



Being Safe with Police

Situations and Stressors

Why Does the Police Officer Need to See My Hands?

Techniques to Stay Calm

Box Breathing

Completing and using a Safety Disclosure Card

The Three C's of safety

Pat and Frisk

When Do Police Use Force?



Police Encounters

Traffic Stops

Pat and Frisk

Home Visit

Pedestrian Stops

What is Voluntary Contact?

What Is An Investigative Detention?

What Is An Arrest?

When Do Police Use Force?

Completing and using a Disclosure Safety Card

What is a K-9 Unit?



Proper Identification

How Do I Know If They Are a Police Officer?

What Type of ID Should I Have and When?

How To Stay Safe While Getting Your ID

Completing and using a Safety Disclosure Card

3C's of Safety



Knowing Your Rights

Your Miranda Rights

Understanding Search and Consent

Creating an Emergency Response Plan

Your Rights During an Official Police Interview/Interrogation

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