

Know Your Rights as a U.S. Servicemember

If you are facing military charges, your freedom, career, and reputation are at risk. When dealing with law enforcement or your command you need to be respectful – but you also need to protect your rights.

Remember:

- You do not have to make a statement to anyone, not even your commanding officer.
- You have a right to talk to an attorney, whether or not you committed a crime.
- You have a right to have an attorney by your side if you are being questioned by anyone.
- You do not have to consent to any search of your home, car, computer, or bodily fluids without a valid search warrant or command authorization.
- You do not have to submit to a polygraph examination.

Before giving up any of these rights, speak with an experienced military attorney – even if you are innocent.

Most importantly – DO NOT TALK to anyone but your attorney.
