Police Safety

A presentation for Secondary School Students with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.



What is the Police?



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What is the Police?

- Police officers enforce laws.
- Police officers prevent crimes.
- Police officers can arrest criminals (people who break the law).

Why do we have Police Officers?



Why do we have Police Officers?

- We need police officers to protect us.
- We need police officers to make sure people follow the law.
- We need police officers to deal with people who commit crimes.

What do Police Officers do?



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What do Police Officers do?

- Police officers maintain public order.
- Police officers can give warnings or arrest people.
- Police officers keep neighborhoods safe.
- Police officers keep records of every encounter they have.

When does the Police get involved?



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When does the Police get involved?

- Police officers get involved when they see something or someone dangerous.
- Police officers get involved when they see someone being unsafe or getting hurt.
- Police officers get involved if they see someone breaking the law.
- Police officers get involved when someone commits a crime.

What is a crime?

- A crime is when someone breaks the law.
- A crime can be against property or a person.
- A crime can result in a punishment.

Property Crime



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Property Crimes

- Examples:
- 1. Stealing
- 2. Vandalism
- 3. Shoplifting
- 4. Setting fires
- 5. Damaging someone else's property

Crimes against a person



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Crime against a person

- Examples:
- 1. Hurting someone
- 2. Using a weapon on someone
- 3. Harassing or bullying someone

What happens to people who commit crimes?



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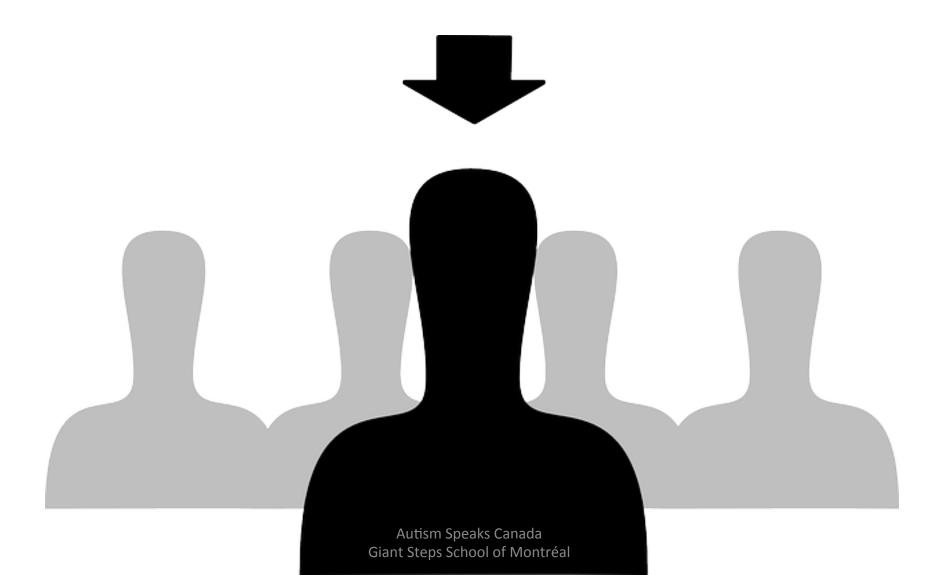
What happens to people who commit crimes?

- Police officers will speak to everyone who saw the crime (these are called witnesses).
- Police might arrest a person who commits a crime or might give a warning.
- If a person is arrested, they might have to go to court.
- In court, the judge will listen to what happened.
- The judge will decide if the person is guilty or not.
- If the person is guilty, he/she will be punished.

Mistakes

- Sometimes mistakes happen.
- I might not know or understand if I break the law.
- I can talk to a teacher and parents about rules and laws.
- I can learn from my mistake.

What can I do?



My role

- 1. I can follow rules and laws.
- 2. I can respect people around me.
- 3. I can respect the property of others.
- 4. I can take responsibility for my actions.
- 5. I can be informed of my environment.
- 6. I can be kind with the people around me.
- 7. I can ask for help when I need it.

My rights

- I have the right to say NO if someone touches me or makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I have the right to get help if I need it.
- I have the right to be safe.

Staying safe

- I do not give out my personal information to someone I do not know or do not trust.
- I do not leave with someone I do not know or do not trust.
- I do not accept something from someone I do not know or do not trust.
- I make sure to tell my teacher or my parents where I or where I am going.