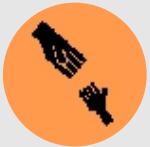


# Child Friendly POLICE

## What should a Child Friendly Police Do?

Respect the child as a human being and treat her/him with dignity.



Focus on the '**WHY**' of the offence rather than the '**WHAT**' of it.



Remember, it is every child's **RIGHT** to receive protection from adults, especially from **YOU**.



Put the child in touch with an NGO working for/with children when you come across a neglected or an orphan child.



Show empathy and readiness to help through words, body language and gestures.



Be extra protective to the girl child and don't leave her unless she is handed over to her family or an NGO.



Use decent language and not abusive language with children who might have committed a mistake..



Counsel and guide a child who uses or sells drugs or alcohol as s/he is often a victim of circumstances and is forced to do so.

Try to understand the child's side of the story and intervene on behalf of the child when you witness an adult - child altercation.



**Always do things in the best interests of the child.**



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# A Child Friendly Police should be...

Sensitive to children's vulnerabilities.

Familiar with constitutional guarantees related to children.

Familiar with the NGOs / organisation who lend a helping hand to children such as . Child Helpline.

Aware of child rights as given in the Constitution of India and in the UN-CRC. (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Well versed with legal provisions for children such as Juvenile Justice Act 2001, Child Labour Act, 1986, Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1956 etc.

## Child Friendly POLICE

Police personnel (policeman and policewomen) are the guardians of law and their role is to protect people, especially those who are vulnerable such as children, women, disabled, elderly etc. However, the general impression of a policeman is that of a person who shouts or uses abusive language, who uses lathi (cane), teargas/pistol and physical force. Their image is also that of a powerful person.

In order to develop a congenial rapport with children, the image of a police should be that of a FRIEND rather than a JCARE CROW.