

Consent to Search: How to Decline Politely

A one-page guide (educational only; not legal advice).

How to decline (calmly):

- "I don't consent to any searches."
- If asked again, repeat once: "I don't consent."
- Do not physically interfere; let your lawyer challenge it later.

Why it matters

- Consent removes the need for a warrant and may broaden the search.
- Once given, it's hard to take back what is found.
- Declining consent is your right; it is not an admission.

Do

- Keep your voice steady; keep hands visible.
- Say it clearly once or twice, then stop debating.

Further reading

Rights around an arrest (reednolan.com) -> <https://reednolan.com/reed-nolan-arrest.html>

Understanding arrests (reednolan.com) -> <https://reednolan.com/reed-nolan-arrests.html>