



For some time now, there have been widespread identity checks in Nantes. These checks target people perceived as foreigners and are carried out with the aim of placing them in administrative detention. An emergency hot-line has been set up in response to these checks.

Advice & Rights reminder:



An identity check can be concluded by your transport at the police station

- If the police suspects you or saw you committing an infraction, you can be taken to custody (garde-à-vue)
- If you can't justify your right of residence in France, you can be taken to administrative detention (even if you did not commit any infraction)

The police is supposed to tell you why you are at the police station and what are your rights in this situation. In any case, don't hesitate to insist for your rights to be respected.

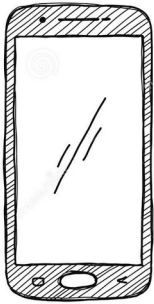
Custody	Administrative detention
Up to 48h in	Up to 24h in
The policemen will try to know if you committed an infraction	The policemen will try to check your papers and your right of residence
Your rights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get an interpreter in the language of your choice - See a doctor - Be assisted by a lawyer - Call/Warn a close person & your employer - Remain silent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get an interpreter in the language of your choice - See a doctor - Be assisted by a lawyer - Call/Warn a close person & your employer - Warn the consular authorities of your country (not a good idea if you asked or want to ask for asylum)

In any case, don't sign anything if you do not understand what is written. If you are in an emergency situation, if you witness an ID check or if you are a close person of someone taken to the police station, you can call the emergency phone line below:

Phone number: +33 7 58 13 85 41

What you can do to be prepared

Find a close friend or a relative who has access to your ID papers. It is better to know by heart their phone number so they can know if you are taken to the police station.



It is better not to carry your passport on you. If you don't have any other ID documents, you can have a copy or a photo of it on your phone.

If a procedure for a residence permit is ongoing, you can have a maximum of documents proving it on your phone (proof of residence, permit application, receipt renewal, ...)

In some cases, it is better to have an address. If you don't have any, you can ask a relative or friend to make you an accommodation certificate.



If you have a lawyer working on your administrative situation, you can learn their complete name and the city where they are working.