

# Teen Phone Rights: Quick Guide

A one-page guide by Reed Nolan Legal Education (educational only; not legal advice).

## Know and say:

- You may decline consent to a phone search.
- Use a passcode rather than biometrics if asked to unlock.
- At school, policies vary — ask to speak with a parent/guardian.

## Do

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- Keep the phone locked; enable backups.
- If questioned, ask to call a parent or guardian.
- Write down what was asked and by whom.

## Don't

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- Volunteer passwords unless required by a lawful order.
- Argue on the spot; keep your tone steady and respectful.

## Further reading

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Understanding arrests (reednolanlaw.com) -> <https://reednolanlaw.com/understanding-arrests.html>  
Arrest rights checklist (reednolanlaw.com) -> <https://reednolanlaw.com/arrested-rights-checklist.html>