

# “What to Do in Case” Series

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You are not sure if you are being pulled over by a real cop:

- Don't pull over until you're in a well-lit or populated area. Go to a gas station, fast food place, police station, or someplace where other people are around.
- Turn on your hazard lights and slow down a little to let the officer know you acknowledge him/her and will stop at the first opportunity.
- When the officer approaches your car, keep the windows rolled up and ask for proper identification. Officers should be able to show you a shield that specified the name of their agency and their badge number.
- Call 9-1-1 at any time and ask the dispatcher to verify that a legitimate officer is behind you. If the dispatcher has no record of a car in your area, ask for a patrol to come to investigate.



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- Police Officers understand safety concerns, and are happy to verify their identity, even if it means following you down the road to a well-lit gas station, waiting while you call 9-1-1, or even calling in another uniformed officer. Legitimate cops will understand that these aren’t unreasonable requests, and imposters may reveal themselves by being impatient, aggressive, or demanding. Anyone claiming to be an officer who won’t show an ID, or let you verify his identity, should not be trusted.

