



What is an Appropriate Adult?

Ever been arrested and taken to a police station? Did you know that by law the police must provide an "appropriate adult" for anyone arrested who is under 17.

What is an appropriate adult?

It can be a parent, guardian, social worker as long as they are not involved in the offence (witness, victim, suspect.) Any other responsible person, who is not a police officer or employed by the police, who is at least 18

What do they do?

Appropriate adults are there to:-

- support you
- give you advice
- be with you during a police interview to make sure the interview is carried out properly.
- if you're upset they can stop the interview.
- make sure you understand what is happening and help you get your views across

Remember! - The appropriate adult is there to help you. You can speak to them in private if you want. The rules telling the police what they must do are in a book called 'The Codes of Practice' to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE). Every police station must have a copy of this book and you have the right to read it if you want. The part of the book that tells you about your rights while you at the police station in is part C (C:1.5/1.7).

