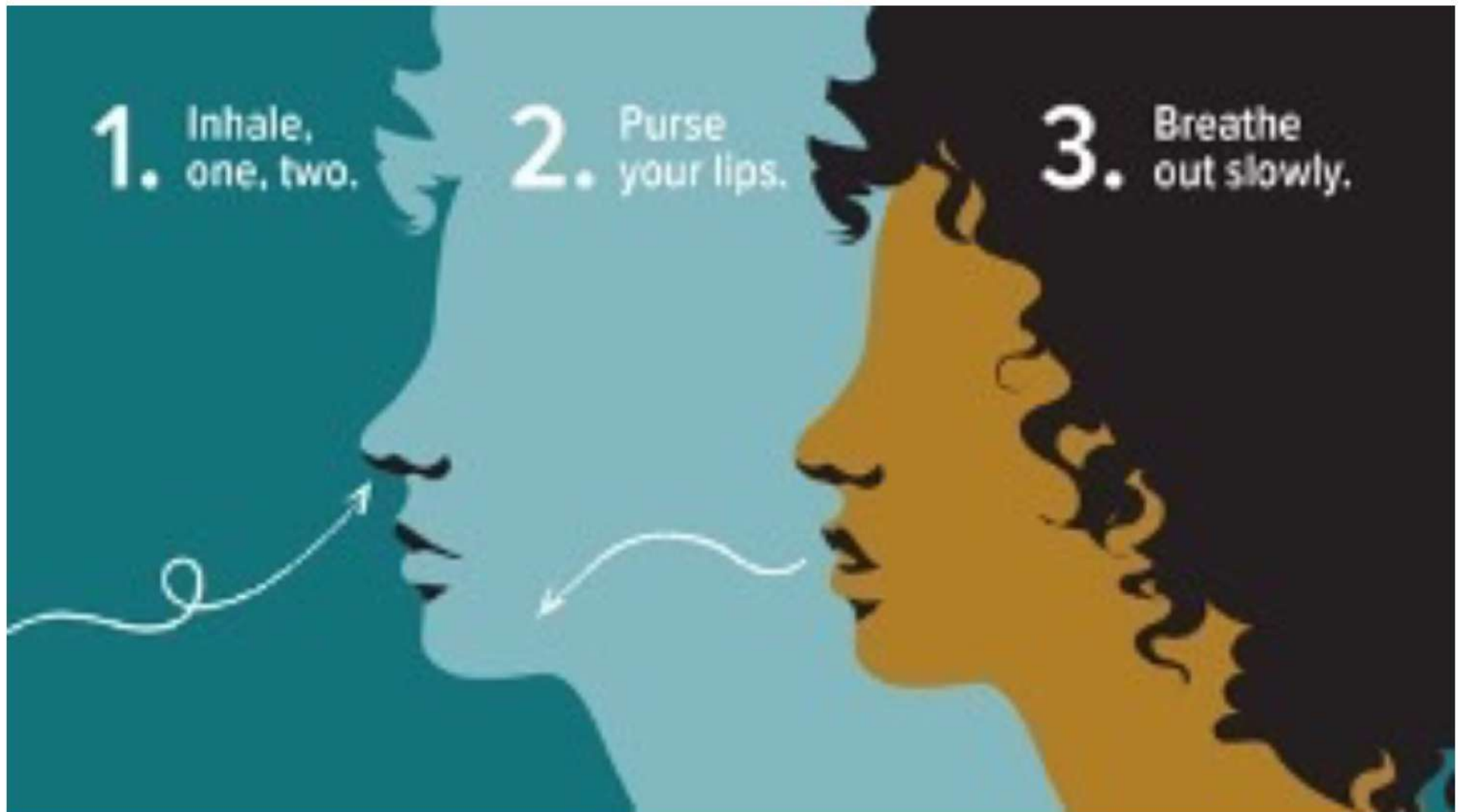




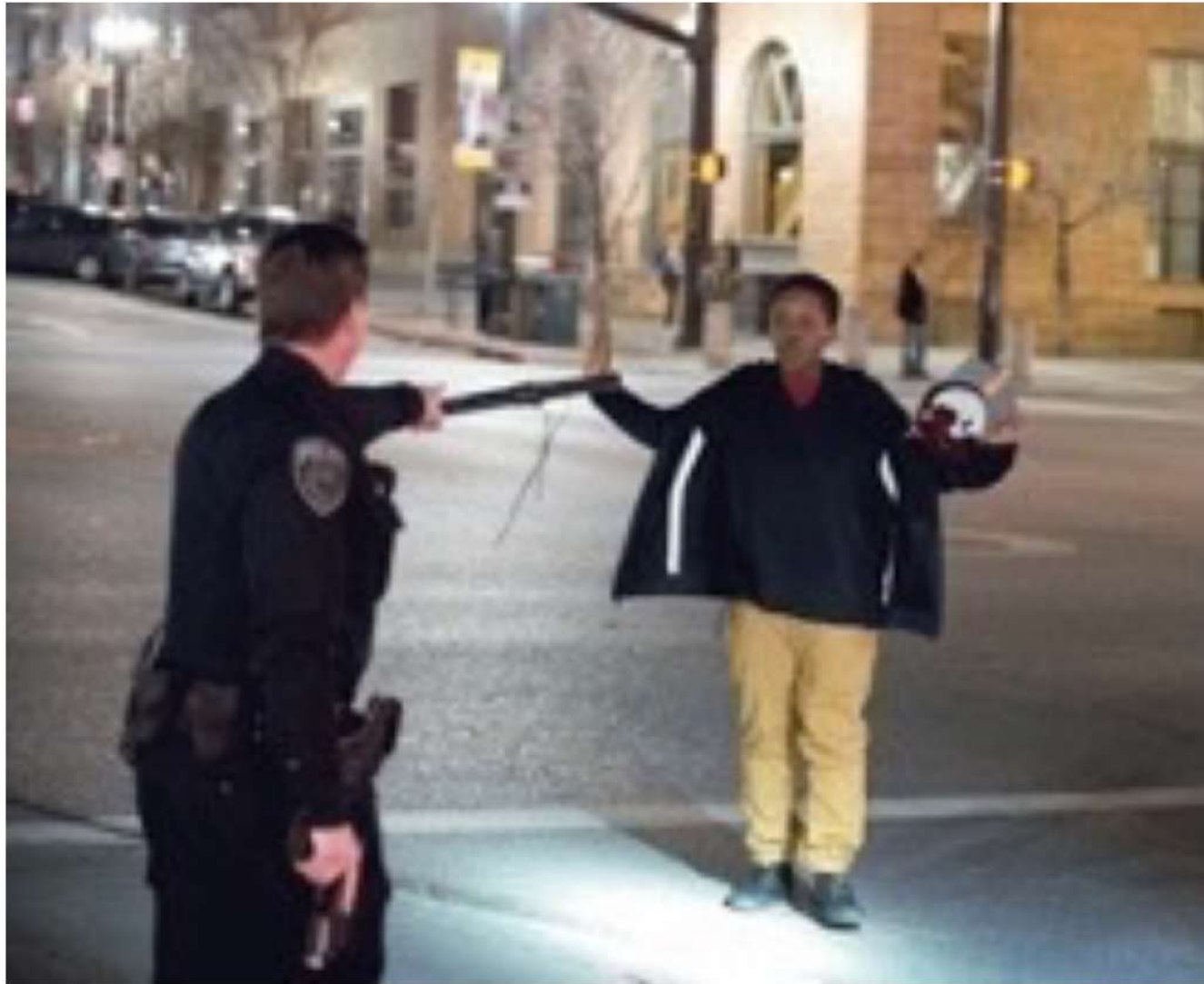
**IF THE POLICE
STOP ME**



Sometimes the police may stop people, even if they have done nothing wrong.



If the police stop me, I need to stay calm and use my coping strategies.



I need to keep my hands out of my pocket, drop anything I have in my hands, and keep my hands where the police officer can see them.



I must to tell them I am Autistic like I have practiced.

I am Autistic

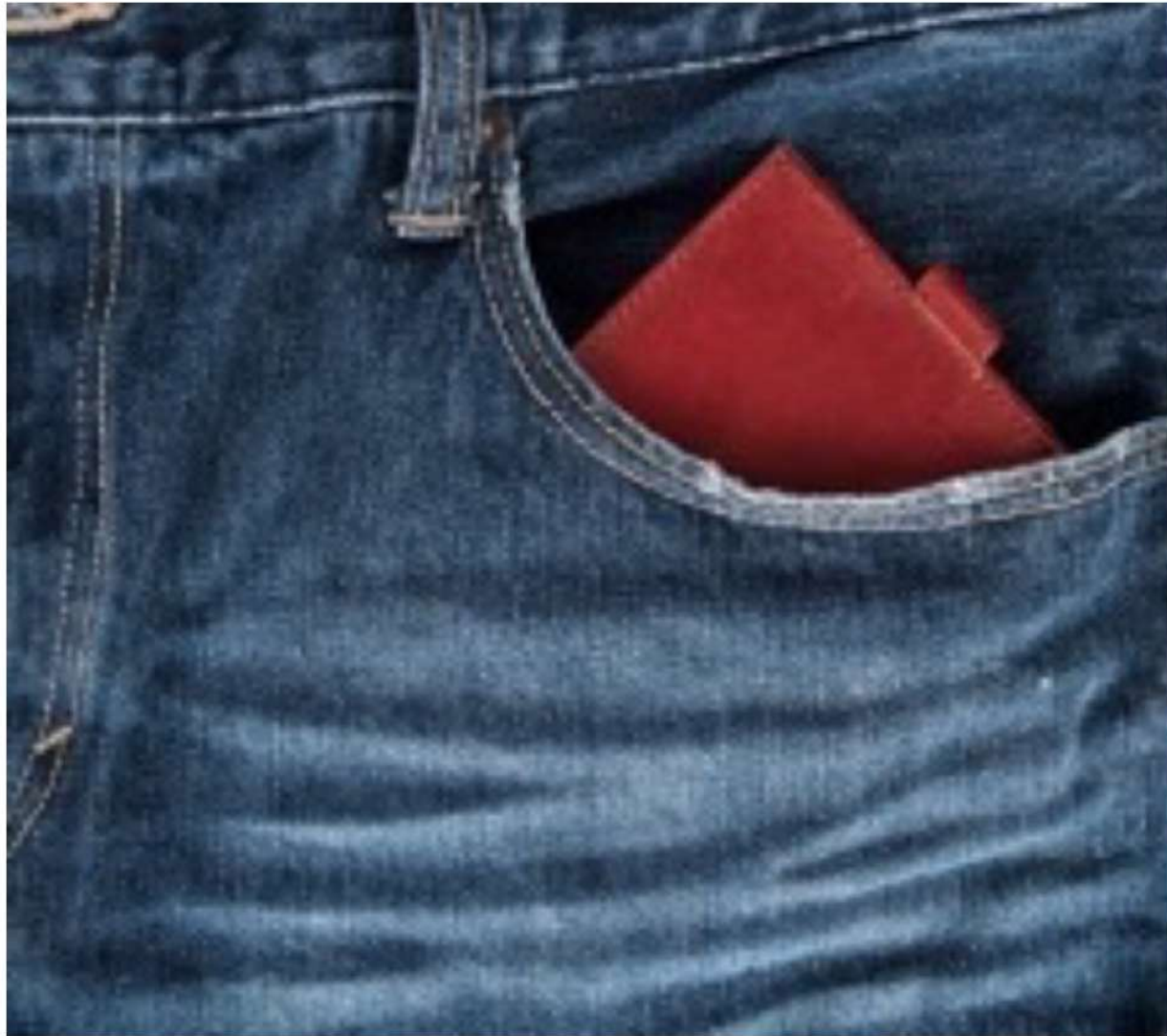
My disability impairs my ability to communicate and cope with sensory input. As a result I may have difficulty understanding directions and I may not be able to respond to questions.

I may exhibit unusual behavior. I may become physically agitated if you touch me or move too close to me.

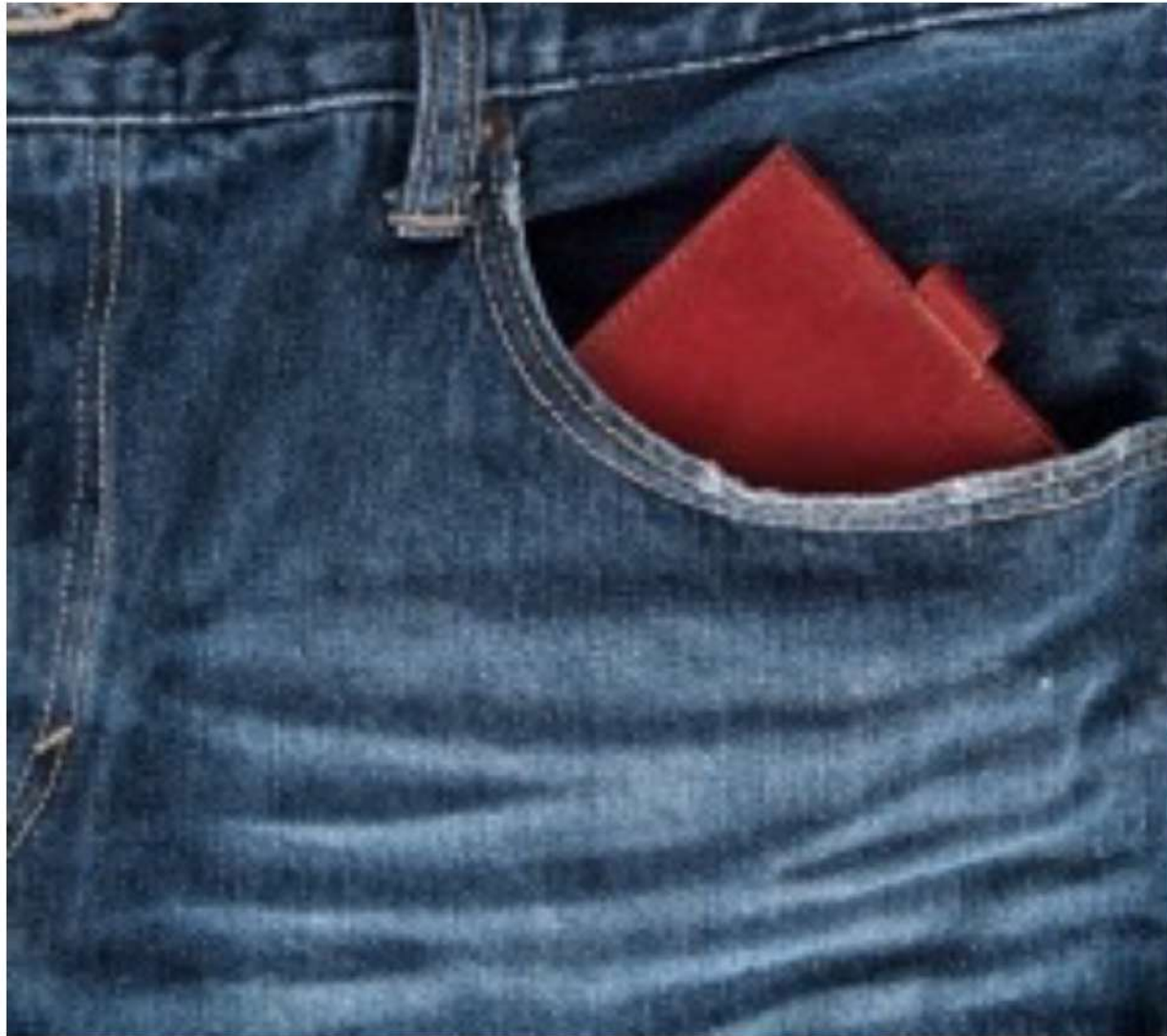
Please do not interpret my behavior as refusal to cooperate. I am not intentionally defying your instructions.

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I must tell them I have a card in my pocket that has important information they need to know about me.



I must tell them where my card is without going in my pocket.



I must point to where my card is without going in my pocket.



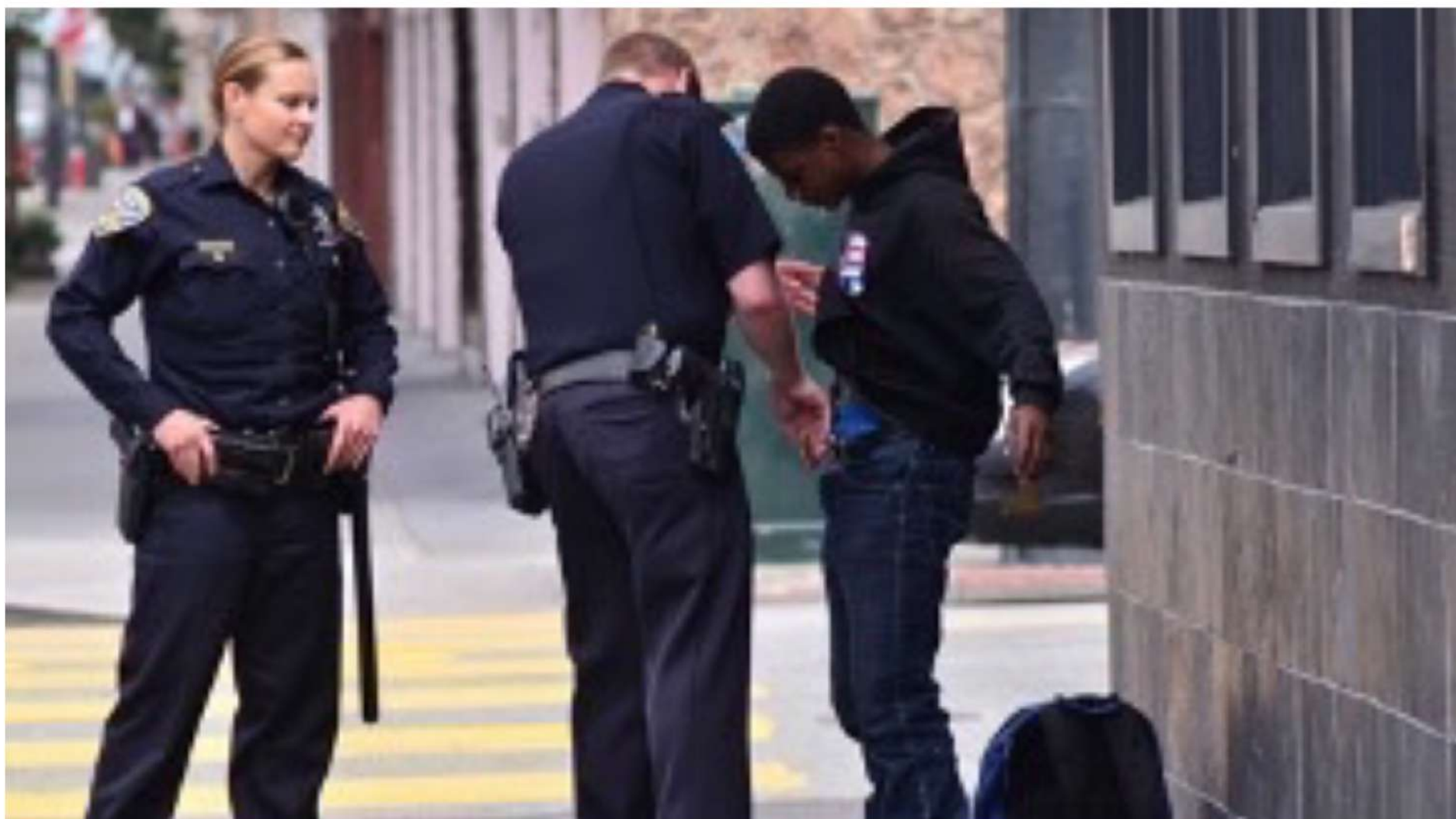
I must use my device to tell them where my card is without going in my pocket.



I must ask them to please call my advocate or family member on the card.



It is important I follow the police officers directions the first time they are given.



A police officer might touch my body and I might not like that but must use my coping strategies and stay calm.



I might be uncomfortable but I must not run.



I must not touch police officer's body or their gun.



IF they have a dog, I also must not touch the police officers' dog.



IF they ask me if understand something that I do not understand, I need to tell them "No, I do NOT understand".



IF they say " you have the right to remain silent ", I must tell them I do not want to answer questions until my family member or advocate is with me.