

Dear friends in the media,

SAPS officers almost never have the right to stop you from taking photos or video. In fact they are under explicit instructions not to. You can download our 4-page advisory at [r2k.org.za/filmthepolice](http://r2k.org.za/filmthepolice).

We've also summarised it on these cards, which you can cut out and laminate and distribute to your newsrooms.

Exercise due caution when dealing with SAPS, but know your rights!

- Right2Know Campaign

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