

Complaints about Police Misconduct

Everyone has a right to police services free from discrimination and misconduct.

If you have an experience with a **Saint Paul** police officer that didn't go as it should:

- 1 Write down the time, place, and date of the interaction.
- 2 Get the officer's name, badge number, and squad car number. **Ask for an officer's business card.**
- 3 Get names and contact information of any witnesses.
- 4 If injured, get medical attention immediately and tell the doctor the cause of the injuries.
- 5 Document any injuries. Take pictures and list the time and date the pictures were taken.
- 6 Know your constitutional rights and consult with an attorney if you have questions. If you can't afford one, there are free legal services available.
- 7 **You can file a complaint with the Saint Paul Department of Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO).** You do not need an attorney to use this service.

File a complaint of police misconduct:

<i>HREEO & PCIARC</i>	651-266-8970
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Other resources:

<i>Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights</i>	651-539-1100
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<i>US Dept. of Justice Civil Rights Division</i>	202-307-2222
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<i>Saint Paul NAACP</i>	651-649-0520
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<i>ACLU of Minnesota</i>	651-645-4097
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**Police Civilian Internal Affairs
Review Commission (PCIARC)**

**City Hall Room 280, 15 W Kellogg
Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102**

The City of Saint Paul strives to provide the best possible service to our community. If you have an interaction with a Saint Paul police officer that did not go as it should, you have the right to file a complaint.

The City of Saint Paul's Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission (PCIARC) reviews community complaints against licensed Saint Paul police officers. **The PCIARC process does not replace civil or criminal court.** The PCIARC evaluates whether officers violated Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) procedures.

The PCIARC provides independent review of the following complaint types (Saint Paul Admin. Code Chapter 102):

- ✓ Excessive force
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ Improper conduct
- ✓ Racial profiling
- ✓ Improper procedure
- ✓ Poor public relations
- ✓ Inappropriate use of firearms

Tips for submitting a complaint

#1: Complaints can be filed with the PCIARC using the online form, in person at City Hall, on a digital form emailed to you, or on a paper form mailed to you.

#2: When a complaint is filed, it is investigated by the SPPD Internal Affairs Unit and reviewed by the PCIARC. Complainants will be notified that they may provide a statement to the PCIARC about their complaint.

#3: The PCIARC makes recommendations to the SPPD Chief of Police on what should happen as a result of the complaint. The Chief of Police has authority on decisions about officer discipline.

Have questions or need to file a complaint?



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