

# You(th) Have Rights

## understanding trespassing

### What is trespassing?

Entering or staying at a location without permission or when it's against the law. Trespassing can happen when you stay in a public place after hours or when you refuse to leave a building after you have been told to leave.

### What can happen if I get caught trespassing?

Youth can be given a citation or petition to go to juvenile court. The prosecutor may decide a diversion program is best to address the situation. Trespassing is a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor for adults. It can be punished by up to 90 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine.



### What are examples of trespassing?

- Going to a school when you are not an enrolled student or don't have a valid reason (attending a school event or meeting)
- Sleeping in a park after it is closed
- Going to visit a friend at a public housing building when you were previously told you can't be on the property
- Refusing to leave a library after staff ask you to leave
- Going onto a construction site without permission
- Going through police tape onto a crime scene
- Letting your dog poo on your neighbor's lawn

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Sources: University of St. Thomas Community Justice Project, Homeless Youth Handbook, Minn Stat 609.605