

KNOW THE LEGAL BASICS

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT



If your Wallet has been stolen, or you have been a Victim of Cyber Fraud, or Suffered Physical Harm, you'd want Police Assistance, Right?

- A First Information Report is a Formal Complaint to the Police about an Offence, serving as the Initial Step in notifying them.
- Under the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), you can also file FIRs online (e-FIR).



DUTIES OF POLICE

- The FIR must accurately record the Informant's Statements in writing without Alterations.
- It must be Signed by the Informant.
- The Informant is Entitled to receive a Free Copy of the FIR.



HOW TO LODGE AN FIR?

- To Lodge an FIR, visit the nearest Police Station where the crime occurred.
- Clearly describe the Incident, including the Date, Time, Place and Parties Involved.
- Always request a Copy of the FIR for Future Reference.



IMPORTANCE OF FIR

- Initiates Police Investigation.
- Documents Complaint Details.
- Preserves Evidence as Record for Further Investigations.
- Supports Victim's Quest for Justice.



ZERO FIR

- Typically Lodged at the Nearest Police Station.
- Zero FIR can be filed at any Police Station for Serious Offences or Victim's Safety Concerns.



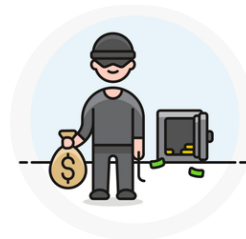
WHAT IF POLICE REFUSES TO FILE AN FIR?

- Report to the Superintendent of Police.
- Approach Court if Police does not assist.
- Keep Records of all Interactions.
- Consult a Lawyer.



WHEN IS FIR MANDATORY?

- Supreme Court mandates FIR Registration for Cognizable (Serious) Offences.
- Guidelines Issued for Compliance.
- Action can be taken against Officials who Fail to File an FIR.



WHEN TO INFORM POLICE?

When you Witness a Serious Criminal Offence:

- Offences against the State or Nation.
- Offences against Life.
- Adulteration of Food and Drugs.
- Kidnapping for Ransom.
- Robbery and Dacoity.
- Criminal Breach of Trust by Public Servants; etc.

INDIA HAS ADOPTED NEW CRIMINAL LAWS EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JULY, 2024:

**BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA,
BHARITYA NAGRIK SURAKSHA SANHITA,
BHARTIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM.**