

What To Know Students and Law

4 Search Laws Every Student Should Know

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When can your property be searched?

When school officials have "reasonable suspicion" that you're breaking school rules or are engaging in criminal activities.

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Do teachers have the right to search your phone because it's confiscated?

According to the 4th Amendment, not without a proper warrant, or in some emergency.

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Can they ask for your social media account passwords?

Not generally, but Illinois law allows school administrators to demand passwords if a student is suspected of breaking school rules.

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Is it constitutional to allow random drug sniff searches by dogs?

Yes, because it's not considered an actual search.