

The FBI Wants to Help Me



Myth?

Fact?

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Myth

I haven't done anything wrong. If I explain that to the FBI agent, they'll leave me alone.

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The FBI agent is probably engaged in intelligence gathering, not a criminal investigation.

The more you talk, the more interested they will become.

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 **Myth**

The FBI agent told me what they want to know. Once I tell them, they'll go away.

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FBI agents are allowed to lie to you. There is no guarantee that anything they tell you about their investigation or what they hope to learn is true.

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Myth

The FBI agent is friendly.

A few minutes of polite
conversation won't hurt.

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Any conversation exposes you to the risk of making false statements, which is a federal crime. **Politely but firmly tell the agent that you will not speak without an attorney present—then stop talking.**

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