

"SAFE HOMES" PROGRAM ***What YOU Should Know***



Members of the Boston Police Department may come to your door and ask to search your home without a warrant. They may tell you they want to get guns off the street and will not arrest your child if they find a gun -- unless it is linked to a shooting.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Massachusetts believes you should make an **INFORMED CHOICE** about whether to allow police to search your home.

HERE IS WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SUCH A SEARCH.

You have the right to say NO to a search. Then the police should leave.

If you say YES, any of the following can happen:

- If the police find a gun and test it, they may arrest someone who lives in your home, including your child.
- If the police find drugs or anything illegal, they may charge someone who lives in your home, including your child, with a crime.
- Anything the police find in your home may lead to school discipline for your child, including suspension or expulsion.

***If you have any questions or concerns, contact the ACLU of Massachusetts:
(617) 482-3170.***