

CCRB's Racial Profiling and Bias-Based Policing Investigations Unit

The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is a New York City agency that investigates, mediates, and prosecutes officers in relation to complaints from civilians about misconduct by members of the New York City Police Department. We are independent and impartial. We are not part of the NYPD.

What is racial profiling and bias-based policing?

Racial profiling occurs when an NYPD officer takes law enforcement action against you (such as a vehicle or pedestrian stop, arrest, summons, search, move-along order, and more) because of your actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, or color. Bias-based policing occurs when an NYPD officer takes law enforcement action against you because of your religion, age, immigration or citizenship status, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or housing status.

What is the Racial Profiling and Bias-Based Policing Unit?

Local Law 47 (2021) added racial profiling and bias-based policing to the CCRB's "abuse of authority" jurisdiction, meaning that CCRB can now investigate civilian complaints alleging discriminatory behavior by members of the NYPD (previously all of those complaints were investigated internally by the NYPD itself). CCRB created a new investigations unit, the Racial Profiling and Bias Policing Unit ("RPBP" Unit), to focus on investigating these complaints. The RPBP Unit is comprised of attorneys, investigators, and data scientists that work together to investigate claims of racial profiling and bias-based policing.

Examples of Profiling/Bias-Based Policing:

- A civilian, who wears a turban, is pulled over in his vehicle after doing a rolling stop at a stop sign. Most other drivers, who do not appear to be wearing turbans, also do a rolling stop at the stop sign, but are not pulled over by the NYPD.
- [After school dismissal, NYPD officers tell Black students from a middle school to leave the neighborhood. White students from the same school are allowed to remain in the area.](#)
- On a weekend night, two women are standing on the same corner, checking their mobile phones. The first, a transgender woman, is stopped by officers, questioned about her activities, and asked for identification. The second, who appears to be cisgender, is not stopped, questioned, or asked for identification.
- [On a subway car late at night, NYPD officers remove a sleeping man who appears to be experiencing homelessness and issue him a summons, while two other men who are also sleeping in the same car but do not appear to be experiencing homelessness are allowed to remain on the train.](#)
- Two officers stop a group of three young Latino men walking on the sidewalk around 2am, ask them if they have any weapons and pat them down. When they ask why they were stopped, the officers explain that there have been several recent shootings in the area committed by Latino men in their 20's and that there's no reason for the three young men to be walking around this late at night.

File a Complaint

There are several ways: you can call us 1-800-341-2272 (CCRB) or 311; go online at www.nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint, or visit our office at 100 Church Street, 10th Fl. New York 10007. Regardless of how you file a complaint, please provide a current phone number, email address, or mailing address so that we can contact you to schedule a live statement. To learn more,

- **Visit** nyc.gov/ccrb.
- **Email** outreach@ccrb.nyc.gov to request a presentation about the CCRB in your community.
- **Attend** our monthly Board meetings, where you can share your thoughts about police-community relations.

