

Police May Order a Driver to Exit Their Vehicle During a Traffic Stop

Police may order you to exit your vehicle during a traffic stop if it is for reasons of officer safety or to further their investigation. You must comply with their command for you to exit the vehicle. They do not need any additional probable cause or reasonable suspicion behind that which they had to legally pull you over. Failure to comply

with that lawful order could be a crime and subject a person to arrest.

Police may NOT extend the stop any longer than is necessary for them to issue the traffic citation, the same as any other traffic stop.

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