



COLORADO HOMELESS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Surveyor:	
City/Area:	

Introduction: My name is _____ and I'm with _____

We are working with organizations around Colorado to try to link different homeless communities together to protect the **civil and human rights** of people who are homeless all across Colorado. We are conducting a survey to help us find out what's happening and set our priorities in hopes of bringing effective legislation to ensure people who are homeless have basic human and civil rights. The survey lasts about 7 minutes. We conducted a similar survey in 2014. This is a new survey for 2015 – please only take this 2015 survey once.

Would you be willing to participate?

1a) Have police harassed, cited, or arrested you for:

	Harassed	Cited/Ticketed	Arrested
Sleeping			
Sitting/Lying Down			
Panhandling			
Jaywalking			
Appearing "Homeless"			
Park Curfew			
Receiving/Giving Food			
Loitering			
Having a Pet			
Smoking Tobacco			
Playing Music or Performance Art			
Drinking Alcohol/Smoking Weed			
Sleeping In a Vehicle			
Standing up for another person			
Urinating in Public Area			
Trespassing			

1b) To your knowledge, which laws do police use against homeless people most frequently?

2) Do police ever harass you without having any legal reason?

Frequently _____

Sometimes _____

Once _____

Never _____

3) How would you define "harassment"?

4) Have you ever seen or encountered private security guards hassling people, ordering people away, or otherwise policing public sidewalks or parks? Frequently ___ Sometimes ___ Once ___ Never ___

5) Have police provided helpful information about shelters or other services? Frequently ___ Sometimes ___ Once ___ Never ___

6) Have police ever tried to force you into services? Yes ___ No ___

7) Have you been arrested on a warrant that you got because you were homeless? Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____

8) Do you know your legal rights when being stopped by the police? Yes _____ No _____ (If No, skip ahead to question 9)

8a) If you stand up for your rights when dealing with police, do you find that police respect your rights? Always _____ Usually _____ Sometimes _____ Never _____

9) Have you ever had a case heard in regular court? Yes _____ No _____

- 9a)** Have you ever had a case heard at a homeless court? Yes _____ No _____
- 9b)** Did you have a defense attorney? (for example: a public defender) Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____
- 9c)** What was the outcome of your case? (for example: jail, fine, social services plan, community service, stay-away order))

- 10)** Have the police or city employees ever taken your belongings?
Frequently ___ Sometimes ___ Once ___ Never ___
- If yes, did you get them back? Yes _____ No _____
- If yes, how did you get them back? _____
- If no, why did you not get them back? _____

- 11)** Have police ever searched your belongings without giving "probable cause?"
Frequently ___ Sometimes ___ Once ___ Never ___

- 12)** How do you know the difference between trash and someone's belongings?

- 13)** Have you ever been denied access to bathrooms? Frequently ___ Sometimes ___ Once ___ Never ___
- 13a) Have you ever been denied access to water? Frequently ___ Sometimes ___ Once ___ Never ___

- 14)** Have you ever tried to get a shelter bed in the area? Yes _____ No _____
- If yes, how often were you able to get a bed? Always _____ Usually _____ Sometimes _____ Never _____

- 15)** If you don't generally go to shelters, why not?

- 16)** Do you know of places where it is safe and legal for you to sleep outside? Yes _____ No _____

- 17)** Considering the topics we've discussed in the past few minutes, what do you think are the worst issues with violations of homeless people's civil and human rights in our community?

- 18)** How often do you have difficulty falling/staying asleep?

Never ___ Sometimes ___ Frequently ___ Always ___

- 19)** How often are you unable to function productively during the day due to lack of sleep?

Never ___ Sometimes ___ Frequently ___ Always ___

- 20)** Why do you find it difficult to stay/fall asleep?

*When this form is completed please send it to us at **Denver Homeless Out Loud**. We will send you your local results and the State-wide as well.

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