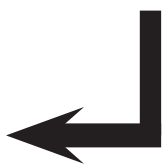


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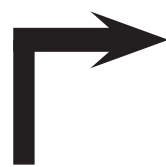
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



THIS GUY



**HAS AS
MUCH LEGAL
AUTHORITY**



**AS
THIS GUY**



The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA has hired a security guard to patrol St. James Park. A number of homeless people have told us that they have been harassed by this private goon. A private security guard has the same legal authority that any other regular person does.

BIA SECURITY CAN'T

- Ban you from the park
- Enforce made-up laws against sleeping
- Kick you awake
- Make you move (unless there is a specific part of the park they have a permit for exclusive use of like the gazebo)
- Chase you out of the park (unless they are putting you under arrest - usually because someone is committing or fleeing after committing a serious crime)
- Threaten you

BIA SECURITY CAN

- Do all the things you or I can do
- Talk to you but you don't have to talk back
- Call the police
- Ask you to move but you don't have to do it (except under certain circumstances)
- Put you under arrest and hold you until police come (you can sue the BIA if it is unlawful. Make sure you talk to a lawyer at the police station about your charges.)
- Use things you say against you in court

Note: This poster applies to security that is not a special constable (like on the TTC or in some TCHC).

Getting hassled? Get in touch.

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