

SIMPLIFIED THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Bill of Rights is the major source of protections of individual rights against abuse by government. Due to its importance, we want you to learn which rights flow from which amendment.

- FIRST AMENDMENT:** 1) Prohibits the government from establishing a religion; and 2) protects the freedoms of religion, speech, press, and assembly.
- SECOND AMENDMENT:** Protects the right of the people to bear arms.
- THIRD AMENDMENT:** Protects against quartering of soldiers in private homes.
- FOURTH AMENDMENT:** Protects against unreasonable searches and seizures.
- FIFTH AMENDMENT:** 1) Provides that no person shall be denied life, liberty, or property without due process of law; and 2) gives rights to people who are accused of crimes, including protection against self incrimination and double jeopardy (i.e., being tried for the same crime twice).
- SIXTH AMENDMENT:** Gives people who are accused of crimes the right to jury trial, an attorney, and a speedy trial.
- SEVENTH AMENDMENT:** Provides the right to a jury trial in civil cases.
- EIGHTH AMENDMENT:** Bars cruel and unusual punishment and excessive bail.
- NINTH AMENDMENT:** Declares that the rights spelled out in the Constitution are not the only rights the people have.
- TENTH AMENDMENT:** Reserves to the states and the people any power not belonging to the federal government.