

1st Amendment: *Freedom of Religion, Assembly, and the Press:* Congress cannot pass laws that take away the freedom to believe and worship as you wish, and shall not limit freedom of speech or freedom of the press (the ability to write what you want). The right of the people to peacefully protest the government to correct wrongs shall be protected.

2nd Amendment: *Right to Bear Arms:* Because a fighting force of citizens might be necessary to protect a free state, states have the right to allow people to keep weapons in their homes.

3rd Amendment: *Limits on the Quartering of Soldiers:* People don't have to allow soldiers to stay in their homes during peacetime, nor in wartime unless a special rule is made by the government.

4th Amendment: *Limits on Searches and Seizures:* Unless the government (including the police) has good reason, people, their homes, and their things cannot be searched or taken away. To conduct a search, officials must have reason to believe they will find a stolen object or discover a person breaking the law.

5th Amendment: *The Right to Due Process of Law, Including Protection against Incriminating Yourself*
People don't have to give evidence against themselves in court. If they have been found innocent of a crime, they can't be tried again for the same crime. People have to be treated fairly by the law, and cannot have their lives, liberty, or property taken away from them unless it is fair.

6th Amendment: *The Right to Legal Counsel and a Fair Trial:* People accused of a crime can have a lawyer and a trial by jury. They have to be told what they are accused of and they can ask questions about it.

7th Amendment: *The Right to a Trial by Jury in Civil Cases:*
If a disagreement between people is about something more than \$20.00, they have the right to a jury trial.

8th Amendment: *Unfair Punishment is Forbidden:* People arrested on a charge can be free while they wait for trial if they pay money to the court as bail, which is a way of promising they will return for their trial. If they show up, they get this money back. Fines have to be fair. And people found guilty **cannot be punished in a cruel or unusual way** that is not allowed by law.

9th Amendment: *Unlisted Rights of the People:* People have rights besides the ones that are listed in the Constitution. Just because all of the people's rights aren't listed, doesn't mean they can be violated.

10th Amendment: *States' Rights:* Any powers not explicitly given to the federal government in the Constitution are given to the States and the people.