

THE BILL OF RIGHTS IN SIMPLER WORDS...

1ST AMENDMENT

Protects our right to practice our religion, to speak freely, to assemble in public, to address the government, and for the press to publish freely.

2ND AMENDMENT

Protects our right to own guns in order to maintain a well-regulated militia.

3RD AMENDMENT

Guarantees that the army cannot force homeowners to give them room and board.

4TH AMENDMENT

Protects our homes, persons, and property from unreasonable

searches and seizures by the government.

5TH AMENDMENT

Guarantees our right to a fair trial, and protects us from being forced to testify against ourselves. And protects us from double jeopardy – being tried again for the same crime.

6TH AMENDMENT

Guarantees a person accused of a crime the right to have a speedy trial, an impartial jury, and the assistance of an attorney, and to be able to confront witnesses against them.

7TH AMENDMENT

Guarantees the right to a trial by jury in federal civil cases.

8TH AMENDMENT

Prohibits excessive bail or fines and cruel and unusual punishment.

9TH AMENDMENT

People may have other rights even though they are not listed in the Bill of Rights.

10TH AMENDMENT

Powers not given to the U.S. government by the Constitution belong to the states or to the people.

Other important amendments:

13TH AMENDMENT

Slavery is prohibited in the U.S.

14TH AMENDMENT

State governments cannot deprive anyone of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, and they must treat everybody equally under the law.

15TH AMENDMENT

Government cannot limit our rights because of our race, color, or having previously been a slave.

19TH AMENDMENT

The government cannot limit our rights because of our sex.

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Know these Amendments. Stand up for yourself & others.

YOUR BILL OF RIGHTS

In simpler words



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