



Bill of Rights - Simplified



Amendment I:

**Freedom of Speech, Press, Religion, to Petition the Government,
and to Peaceable Assemble**

The government cannot make a law that gives a certain religion preference over other religions. This amendment also protects the rights of the people to *peaceably* assemble and political freedom of speech.



Amendment II:

Right to Keep and Bear Arms

The government needs a military and this amendment protects it. It also allows the citizens of the country to have guns, within reason.



Amendment III:

Quartering of Troops

The government cannot make you house a soldier or take over your land in order to house troops.



Amendment IV:

Unreasonable Search and Seizure

Property cannot be seized without reasonable cause or suspicion.



Amendment V:

Due Process, Double Jeopardy, and Privacy

Citizens of the United States have a right to a trial with a jury. Amendment V also protects against "Double Jeopardy" which means you can't be tried for the same crime under the same charges twice.

**Amendment VI:
Rights of the Accused**

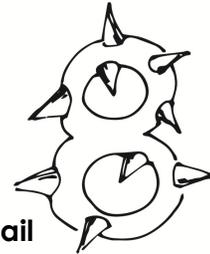


Citizens have a right to a “speedy” trial. This also protects people against people being jailed without knowing what they are being charged with for an excessive amount of time.



**Amendment VII:
Civil Right to a Jury**

In civil criminal cases, those accused have a right to a jury of peers. However, this is not true in non-criminal matters and in the military.



**Amendment VIII:
Cruel and Unusual Punishment and Excessive Bail**

This amendment protects the people against cruel AND unusual punishment. Basically, the punishment must fit the crime. Bail for jail is also determined on a case-by-case basis; it should be a reasonable amount considering the charges.



**Amendment IX:
Protection of Rights**

It is illegal for the US Government to alter or void the basic principles of people behind the Constitutional Rights.

**Amendment X:
Powers of the State and People**



Rights not included in the first 10 amendments will be determined by the State and the people.