

Rights Listed in Amendments

The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, also lists many individual rights. The Bill of Rights guarantees that the government will not interfere with these rights of the people.

1st Amendment	Freedom of (or from) religion. Freedom of speech. Freedom to assemble. Freedom to petition the government. Freedom of the press.
2nd Amendment	Right to bear arms for a well regulated militia
3rd Amendment	Freedom from quartering (housing) soldiers
4th Amendment	Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. Warrants must only be issued upon probable cause, and shall be specific
5th Amendment	Criminal indictments must be by grand jury. Freedom from double jeopardy. Freedom from testifying against oneself. Right to face accusers. Right to due process. Right of just compensation for takings
6th Amendment	Right to speedy trial. Right to impartial jury. Right to be informed of the charges upon which the accused is held. Right to face accusers. Right to produce witnesses for the accused. Right to legal counsel
7th Amendment	Right to jury trial in civil cases. Facts found by a jury cannot be reexamined by another court.
8th Amendment	Freedom from excessive bail or fines. Freedom from cruel or unusual punishment
9th Amendment	This amendment outlines that individuals have rights in addition to the rights listed in these amendments. Supreme Court decisions have found a handful of important rights that fall under the 9th Amendment, such as the right to privacy
10th Amendment	The national government has only those powers specifically granted by the Constitution, any power not listed is left to the states or the people.

Over time, other amendments have been added to the U.S. Constitution to reflect additional rights that must be guaranteed to the people.

13th Amendment	Right to not be enslaved
14th Amendment	Right to citizenship of any person born or naturalized in the United States. Right to equal protection of the national and state laws. Right to be free of any law that abridges the privileges or immunities of a citizen. Right to be free of any law that deprives a person of life, liberty, or property without due process.
15th Amendment	Right to vote extended to racial and ethnic minorities
17th Amendment	Right to vote for Senators
19th Amendment	Right to vote extended to women
23rd Amendment	Right to vote for presidential electors if a resident of Washington, D.C.
24th Amendment	Right to vote even if a poll tax or any other tax is unpaid.
26th Amendment	Right to vote guaranteed for any person at least 18 years old