

1. What is the U.S. Constitution?

The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the United States. It outlines the national framework of government and guarantees fundamental rights and liberties.

2. What freedoms does the First Amendment protect?

It protects freedom of speech, religion, the press, assembly, and the right to petition the government.

3. What does 'presumption of innocence' mean?

It means a person is considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

4. What are Miranda Rights?

These are the rights police must inform you of during arrest, including the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney.

5. What is the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor?

A felony is a serious crime punishable by more than one year in prison. A misdemeanor is a less serious offense, usually punishable by up to one year in jail.

6. Can a verbal contract be legally binding in the U.S.?

Yes, verbal contracts can be enforceable, but some types (like real estate transactions) must be in writing.

7. What is 'at-will' employment?

It means an employer can terminate an employee at any time for any legal reason, and vice versa.

8. What rights do workers have in the U.S.?

Workers have the right to a minimum wage, safe working conditions, and protection against discrimination.

9. What is Small Claims Court?

It is a special court where individuals can settle disputes involving small amounts of money without attorneys.

10. What are tenants' rights in rental agreements?

Tenants have the right to a habitable living space and protection from illegal eviction.

11. How does the U.S. handle child custody?

Custody is determined based on the best interests of the child, considering factors like parental stability and child's needs.

12. Is same-sex marriage legal in the U.S.?

Yes, same-sex marriage has been legal nationwide since the 2015 Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

13. What is a green card?

A green card allows a non-citizen to live and work permanently in the U.S.

14. How can someone become a U.S. citizen?

Through naturalization, which involves residency requirements, a background check, and passing a civics test.

15. What should you do if your consumer rights are violated?

You can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or your state's consumer protection agency.