

WHY DO WE NEED LAWS?

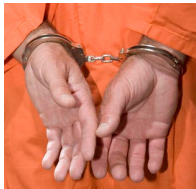
1) Laws act as an instrument of society because they embody the goals and values of our society.

- Democracy
- Standards of living
- Freedom and equality



2) Laws protect people, property and rights.

- Forbid murder and assault (people)
- Forbid theft, fraud, arson (property)
- Charter of Rights and Freedoms (rights)



3) Laws act as a mechanism for resolving disputes by ensuring that no one has to take the law into his/her hands.

- Police investigate, courts determine guilt or innocence, prisons punish and rehabilitate



- Civil court

4) Laws provide order in society by providing predictability and stability in our lives.

- Contract and commercial laws

- Family law



- Presumed people know and understand the law
