

# GOVERNMENT


## WHO TAKES CARE OF WHAT?


Your food is safe. Your state has roads and schools. Your community has parks and police. Government makes these things happen... and more.





### FEDERAL


### STATE


 **Safe travels!** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ensures that flying is safe.

 **How much?** The U.S. mint manufactures and distributes the coins we use. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing prints our paper money.


 **Ensuring national security.** The Department of Defense provides the military forces needed to prevent war and keep our country safe.

 **Protecting plants and animals.** U.S. Fish and Wildlife focuses on protecting endangered species.


 **To your health!** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves all medicines and sets food safety standards.


 **Learning more on your behalf.** The National Institute of Health (NIH) supports research into the causes and cure of diseases.

#### FEDERAL AND LOCAL

 **Vote!** The Constitution establishes how national elections are held. Local governments, with State oversight, arrange for polling places where people cast their vote.


#### FEDERAL AND STATE

 **How green it is!** National and state governments create and maintain about 300 million acres of parks and forests.


 **Correctional facilities –** prisons – house people who have been convicted of a crime.


#### FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL


 **Road trip!** About 4 million miles of roads criss-cross the U.S.


 **Safe and sound.** Community police, state troopers, the National Guard, and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) work to fight crime.


#### STATE AND LOCAL


 **Your teachers, your schools.** Local communities hire teachers, build schools, and provide transportation to and from school. What gets taught is the state's responsibility.


 **Behind the wheel.** Every state has a Department of Motor Vehicles. When you're old enough to get a driver's license, that's where you'll go.

 **Go fish!** But first you'll need a state-issued fishing license. The same goes for hunting.

 **Tests to pass.** Lawyers and other professionals must pass a state licensing exam in the state where they plan to work.


 **Ratify!** Any amendment to our Constitution must be approved, or ratified, by 38 states.


 **Getting well.** A state controls all the hospitals within its borders and exerts direct control over specific facilities.

 **Electing our President.** Every state chooses electors for the Electoral College. Electors cast votes for whichever candidate gets the majority of votes in the state.

**911 Quick, call 9-1-1!** Your community's first responders – firefighters, police, and EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) – are there in minutes.

 **Read, play, enjoy.** If you like libraries, sports fields, parks, and other recreation facilities in your community, say thank-you to your local government.

 **Electricity, natural gas, and water** are necessities to be managed and distributed. Local communities are in charge.

 **P-U!** That's what you might say without the garbage collection provided by your community's sanitation department.

 **Bumpety-bump.** Without your local government to repair the roads and fix potholes, you may end up with a rough ride.



### LOCAL