

THEY'RE MY RIGHTS!

INFORMATION SHEET

Bill of Rights:

- 1st 10 Amendments added to the Constitution
- Adopted in 1791
- Added protections for the people
- Protected people's rights from interference by the national government.

First Amendment:

1. Four forms of expression: speech, press, assembly, petition
 2. Supports democracy through development of an informed public
 3. Exposes people to different points of view
 4. Advances knowledge
- Provides opportunity for peaceful change in society

Rights people have when they are suspected or accused of crimes:

- Fourth Amendment: reasonable search and seizure, warrants
- Fifth Amendment: no self-incrimination, no double jeopardy, due process (fair methods and procedures in gathering information, making decisions, and enforcing the law)
- Sixth Amendment: speedy public jury trial, know what you're accused of, right to question accusers, right to a lawyer
- Eighth Amendment: bail, fair fines, no cruel or unusual punishment