

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.


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.


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


LOCAL


 **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.

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.

 **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.

