

# 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.



**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.

#### 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.

#### 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.



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



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



**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