

Chapter 2 Government & Law

VOCABULARY

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2.1 *Decide whether each of the following is a federal, a state, and/or a local law. Then give an example, not listed here, of a federal, a state, and a local law.*

- a. No parking on the east side of Main Street between 4:00pm and 6:00am
- b. All persons between the ages of 6 and 16 must attend school
- c. Whoever enters a bank for purposes of taking by force or violence the property or money in custody of such bank shall be fined not more than \$50,000 or imprisoned not more than 20 years or both
- d. In order to sell any product on public streets, the seller must first apply for and receive a vendor's permit
- e. No employer of more than 15 persons may discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin
- f. All persons traveling on interstate airline carriers are subject to search before entering the airplane departure area.

2.2 The law seems clear, but some disputes have arisen over its interpretation. Interpret the law in the following cases, keeping in mind what the law says (letter of the law) as well as the legislative intent. Examine each situation and decide whether or not the vehicle described should be allowed in the park. Write the reasons for your choices. When you finish analyzing all of the situations, rewrite the law to make it clearer.

- a. Tony lives on one side of the city and works on the other. He will save ten minutes if he drives through the park.
- b. To keep the park clean, trash barrels are located throughout the area. The sanitation department wants to drive a truck into the park to collect the trash from the barrels.
- c. Two police cars are chasing a suspected bank robber. If one police car cuts through the park, it can get in front of the suspect's car and trap it between the patrol cars.
- d. An ambulance is racing to the hospital with a dying patient. The shortest route is through the park.
- e. Elena wants to take her baby to the park in a stroller.
- f. A monument is being erected to the city's citizens who died in the Vietnam War. A tank, donated by the government, is to be placed beside the monument.
- g. Amul uses an electric wheelchair and wants to visit the park.