

What Does the



FOURTH AMENDMENT PROTECT



Body



Home



Car



Belongings



What Does the Fourth Amendment Protect?

The Fourth Amendment protects people in the United States from unfair searches and seizures by the government. This means that police or other officials cannot search your body, your home, your car, or your belongings without a good reason. Most of the time, to carry out any searches, law enforcement or the government needs a warrant, which is a written order from a judge. To get a warrant, they must show evidence that a crime may have happened or that they will likely find something important to the case. The amendment is meant to protect everyone's privacy and prevent the government from abusing its power.

The Fourth Amendment does not block all searches; for example, police can carry out a search without a warrant in emergencies or when someone gives permission. Overall, the amendment sets clear rules so that people's rights are respected, and government actions are limited and fair. It also helps to protect people and their property.

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