

**CHAPTER 1 ACTIVITY**  
**Basic Concepts**

*Directions: Read through the goals that our legal system addresses. Decide for each of the laws listed which goal is the primary goal of that law. List the number of the goal next to the law. The first one is done for you.*

**Goals**

1. Protecting basic human rights
2. Promoting fairness
3. Helping resolve conflicts
4. Promoting order and stability
5. Promoting desirable social and economic behavior
6. Representing the will of the majority
7. Protecting the rights of the minority

1.   5   It is a traffic violation for a person to text message while driving.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The federal government must operate public housing for people who are too poor to afford a place to live.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Certain contracts must be in writing.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Pornography shops can be restricted to a particular area of the city.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptions may be made only through state-authorized adoption agencies.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Married parents who choose to divorce must make arrangements through the court for child custody and child support.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Separate but equal public education is unconstitutional.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ People may choose to practice any or no religion.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals may go to court to sue a person who has broken a contract with them.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Companies that manufacture chemicals can be required to locate in certain areas of a city.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Neighbors may sue a household for being a nuisance for selling drugs in the neighborhood.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The federal government passes a law protecting bank customers if the banks fail.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ The city passes a law that orders police to give the lowest priority to enforcing marijuana laws.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Employees who are subjected to race discrimination may sue the employer.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ People who have incomes below the poverty level can get assistance for buying food.