

EVERYDAY LAW

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- Third Wednesday of the month
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**APRIL 15
2015** **KNOWING AND
SAFEGUARDING YOUR
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

What are your constitutional rights?
What every American should know.

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KEY SOURCES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

Federal Laws – Official version: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CDOC-110hdoc50/pdf/CDOC-110hdoc50.pdf>

- The United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, Amendments 1-10
- Chapter 21 (Civil Rights) of Title 42 of The United States Code

Federal Agency Regulations

- Code of Federal Regulations:
 - 28 C.F.R., Part 42 - Dept. of Justice
 - 29 C.F.R., Chapt. XIV - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
 - 34 C.F.R., Chapt. I - Office for Civil Rights, Dept. of Education
 - 45 C.F.R., Chapt. VII - Civil Rights Commission

Maryland Laws

- Maryland Code, Constitution of Maryland, Declaration of Rights
- Maryland Code, State Government §20-207, Civil Rights Commission

ONLINE SOURCES

People's Law Library: Self help for Marylanders – Great basic source for information on civil rights, with special sections on employment discrimination, voting rights and federal civil rights claims.

<http://www.peoples-law.org/civil-rights-resources>

Legal Information Institute: Cornell University – Contains an historical overview and description of U.S. civil rights with links to all the major sources of federal statutes, regulations and case law.

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uFindlaw: Good legal information site with articles on basic civil rights, civil rights versus civil liberties, civil rights laws and court cases.

<http://civilrights.findlaw.com/civil-rights-overview/civil-rights-basics.html/>



ACLU of Maryland: Presents practical rights cards that can be consulted if stopped by the police, voting, or protesting plus news and articles about recent civil rights actions.
<http://www.aclu-md.org/>

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Links to their civil rights complaint referral service. Other federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor, also have website with advice about your civil rights.
<http://www.usccr.gov/filing/complaint.php>

