



## **What Are We Allowed to Do?**

Think about the different ways citizens can participate in their government. What are other ways you think citizens should be able to get involved?

<b>What Can Citizens Do?</b>	<b>What Should Citizens Be Able to Do?</b>



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## Article 8: Open, Accessible, Accountable, and Responsive – Possible Responses

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Representatives' contact information – including an address, phone number, and/or email – are available.	<b>Accessible, Responsive</b>	<b>Citizens know who represents them and contact them if they have questions or concerns.</b>
Voters can see how their representatives voted.	<b>Open, Accountable</b>	<b>The people who vote for the legislator will know if they are upholding their interests and concerns.</b>
New Hampshire citizens are welcome to respectfully attend sessions for both the House and Senate at the New Hampshire State House.	<b>Open, Accessible, Accountable</b>	<b>New Hampshire citizens know exactly what is said and done in their government, and legislators know that someone who voted for them might be listening to what they say during a session.</b>
Public Hearings and Executive Sessions are livestreamed on YouTube.	<b>Open, Accessible, Accountable</b>	<b>There are no “secret meetings” happening, people can find out what happens in the state house even if they can’t go in person.</b>
Legislators are reelected every two years.	<b>Accountable</b>	<b>If people don’t think someone is doing what they say, they can vote for someone else during the election.</b>
Citizens can write to their representatives and can expect a response within a reasonable timeframe.	<b>Accountable, Responsive</b>	<b>Citizens know they are being heard by the people who represent them and can ask questions or voice concerns.</b>