



Access Law Quiz

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1. True or false: Requests for government records pursuant to a freedom of information law can only be made by persons aged 18 and above.

- True
- False

2. True or false: Most freedom of information laws require government officials to ensure that a person's reason for requesting records is legitimate before releasing government records.

- True
- False

3. True or false: Every state in the country has its own open records and open meetings law.

- True
- False

4. True or false: To file a formal, written request for a government record, you must fill out Form 1322A and pay a \$5.00 administrative fee.

- True
- False

5. True or false: A state's open records law does not require private school officials to disclose how much money the school spent on new football uniforms last year.

- True
- False

6. True or false: Journalists have the right to cross police lines without permission as long as they are engaged in bona fide news reporting and covering a "hot" news story.

- True
- False

7. True or false: Government officials are not required to create records to respond to a freedom of information request.

- True
- False

8. True or false: Most open meetings laws allow journalists to take notes, but forbid tape recorders, cameras and other electronic recording devices at a public meeting.

True

False

9. True or false: Federal law requires schools to provide a student with a copy of their educational records (transcripts, test scores, teacher recommendations, etc.) upon request.

True

False

10. True or false: To attend a public meeting, you must first apply for and obtain a free visitor pass from the head of the government agency (for example, school board, city council, etc.) conducting the meeting.

True

False

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