

## Law and Rules

**Laws / legislation:** These are meant to be followed by all citizens of the country. These are enforceable through such means as regulations, directives, orders, decrees and commands

A Bill is draft or intended legislation which is placed before the Parliament for discussion and approval.

An Act effectively becomes law, after the draft Bill has been debated and voted for by the Parliament, and approved by the Senate.

### How Laws differ from Rules

The main difference between rules and laws is the consequences associated with breaking them.

Both rules and law are intended to bring about a sense of order, fair play, and safety.

Rules are more flexible and carry low end consequences

The weight of a law is much heavier than the weight of a rule.

### **Summary**

1. Laws are made by the state for the purpose of maintaining order.
2. Laws are made to protect people and their rights.
3. Before laws can come into effect, there must be debated under a Bill by Parliament, and voted and approved by Parliament and the Senate respectively.
4. Laws are enforced by the police and judiciary (Court of Law).
5. Whereas Laws inflexible and carry stiff penalties.
6. Rules are meant to guide and control the behaviour and actions of people.
7. Rules are set by individuals or by organizations
8. There is flexibility in applying rules