

What is the difference between a Right and a Freedom?

A **RIGHT** is a legal, moral, or social claim that people are entitled to, primarily from their government. A legal right is something that cannot be given to you one time and then denied another time. If you have a legal right, then some other person has a legal *duty* to see that this right is honoured. If it isn't, you can rely on the law to see that something is done about the matter.

A **FREEDOM** is the right to conduct one's affairs without governmental interference. Unlike a right, no one has a duty to oversee or enforce this freedom. The government, however, still has an obligation not to unduly limit individual freedoms.