

CHAPTER**3****Problems in Society****Legal Terms**

Write the word or phrase that best completes each of the following statements.

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| 1. _____ is the act of stealing goods from a store. | 1. _____ |
| 2. Criminal damaging is another word for _____. | 2. _____ |
| 3. Use of substances that are illegal and harmful is _____. | 3. _____ |
| 4. A minor who has done something that would not be a crime if it was done by an adult is known as a(n) _____. | 4. _____ |
| 5. The process of steering youthful offenders in the right direction rather than imposing harsh penalties on them is _____. | 5. _____ |
| 6. _____ is the doctrine that gives state governments the right to regulate the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the people. | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ is a reckless form of physical or mental violence directed at any family member. | 7. _____ |
| 8. A temporary police roadblock to stop cars at random to check for drunk drivers is known as a _____. | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ occurs when a person can no longer function normally without regularly consuming drugs or alcohol. | 9. _____ |
| 10. A minor who has committed an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult is a(n) _____. | 10. _____ |

Key Points in Your Reading

Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false by circling T or F.

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| 1. Alcohol is the most commonly abused drug in the United States. | 1. T | F |
| 2. Anyone who forces another person to perform sexual acts against the victim's will has committed rape. | 2. T | F |
| 3. A protective order is an order from the court to stop certain actions. | 3. T | F |
| 4. The parents of minors who commit vandalism never have to pay for the damage caused by such acts. | 4. T | F |
| 5. Being issued a driver's license is a right. | 5. T | F |
| 6. Only the drivers of cars can be held liable for joyriding and drag racing. | 6. T | F |
| 7. Minors cannot be tried as adults. | 7. T | F |
| 8. Before 1967, the courts did not recognize minors as being entitled to the same due process rights as adults. | 8. T | F |
| 9. Parents can have the control and custody of their children taken from them by the state. | 9. T | F |
| 10. The goal of the juvenile court is punishment. | 10. T | F |
| 11. Minors are entitled to the same due process as adults. | 11. T | F |
| 12. Many states are taking a less sympathetic view of criminal activity by juveniles. | 12. T | F |
| 13. Vandalism may be considered a felony if the damage is extensive. | 13. T | F |
| 14. The concealment on one's person of an article offered for sale in a store is considered prima facie evidence of an intent to steal. | 14. T | F |
| 15. The fact that a person does not realize that he or she is violating the law is a valid excuse. | 15. T | F |

You're the Judge

For each of the following cases, circle Yes or No to indicate your decision. Then, in your own words, state the legal principle or legal reason that applies to the facts in the case.

Answer

1. Susie Colson, 5 years old, was caught walking out of a department store with a toy she hadn't paid for. The store manager said to her, "You'll go to jail for this!" Can the child be placed in jail for stealing the toy?

1. Yes No

Legal principle: _____

2. Thomas Hagerty, 16 years old, was taken to the police station for questioning about a recent case of vandalism. A police officer said to him, "We know that you did it so you might as well confess." Hagerty asked, "Don't I have a right to see a lawyer?" The officer answered, "Not until you're 18." Was the officer correct?

2. Yes No

Legal principle: _____

3. Sarah Emerton, who was 17, purchased some beer at a package store. When asked her age, she lied and said that she was 18. Did she violate a law for which she could be prosecuted?

3. Yes No

Legal principle: _____

4. Phil Hart and Corrinne Schwartz went on a double date in Hart's car with Stu Moulton and Kathy Corcoran. Moulton and Corcoran, who sat in the back seat, shared a marijuana cigarette. All four people were charged with possession of the marijuana. Hart and Schwartz claim that they are innocent. Can they be convicted of the offense?

4. Yes No

Legal principle: _____

5. Tiffany Harris, aged 14, received a black eye and many bruises from a beating by her drunken father. He told her that he had a right to hit her at any time because he was her father. Is this true?

5. Yes No

Legal principle: _____

Legal Application

The issue of conflicting rights is a difficult one. Unlike some cases where there is a perpetrator and a victim, and therefore a clear distinction between the "good guy" and the "bad guy," with conflicting rights both sides feel they are right, and both sides see themselves as the victim. Choose one such issue of conflicting rights and write a 200-to 300-word defense of your position. Then switch sides and write a 200-to 300-word defense of the opposite position. Trade with a classmate and critique each other's arguments for and against the issue.