

Out of the first ten amendments (The Bill of Rights) the fourth one speaks to me the most, because I want to become a lawyer when I grow up. The protection from unreasonable searches and seizures is what helps make the justice system work. This amendment requires police officers and other law enforcement officials to have a search warrant, or unreasonable doubt, to search and seize a U.S. citizen's house or place of work and the person themselves. Without this amendment the entire justice system falls to pieces.

Before this amendment was ever created, mainly during the Salem Witch trials up to the American Revolution, people could be searched and their belongings seized for any reason and without proof. The fact that an officer or government official could accuse someone of any wrongdoing without proof and that person's house or work searched and belongings seized without proof or unreasonable doubt was the exact reason this amendment was created. Before this amendment was made many people's lives were ruined simply because of a grudge or a person being cruel or a reediv. →

Without the protection that this amendment provides, many of the other ones (freedom of speech, right to a fair and just trial, and right to bear arms) would be half as strong.

Without this amendment government officials could come into anyone's house and search and seize their property, even if no crime had been committed. They could search through your closets, drawers, cabinets, etc. They can seize whatever they think looks suspicious without a warrant and if they come across any illegal substances or content, they could then arrest you.

This amendment is very important because not only does it protect citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures of property, but also of people. This amendment protects people from being searched or seized even if a crime had not been committed.

There are many different cases where people and their property have been searched because of race and/or skin color. Just because a citizen looks different doesn't mean they are guilty of a crime.

2. The fourth amendment is to protect such things

If a person was driving down the road and did a traffic violation, was pulled over by law enforcement, unless there was an odor of alcohol or drugs, technically they should only be given a citation for the violation. In some cases law enforcement has been known to search the vehicle and person or persons inside. This violates the Fourth amendment.

Some times people do not understand this particular amendment and think just because it is a law enforcement individual stopping them they have to allow them to search their person or seize their property. Of course, if they were just walking down the street, there would be no cause for this to happen. On the other hand, if they were running down the street with weapons in their hands, that would be probable cause to stop them and search.

Citizens of the United States should never be afraid of being violated by law enforcement if they are not guilty of a crime. However, those who commit transgressions against the law, should be ready to comply with law enforcement.

With my desire to be a lawyer, I would fight to make sure the United States

Citizens fourth amendment right
was not trampled on, regardless of
race, sex and age.