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## What is a Law?

Meet Shavon! Shavon is a mayor. A mayor is a person in the government who is in charge of running a town. Mayors make sure that people are safe, happy, and healthy in their towns.



Mayors work with other people in the government to make laws. Laws are rules that people have to follow. Here are a few examples!

Kids have to wear helmets while they are riding a bicycle.

People in cars have to stop at a red light.

People cannot steal things from other people.

People are not allowed to leave dog poop on the grass or sidewalk.



Read the attached story called, “What is a Law?” Then, answer the questions.

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**What would happen if a town did not have laws?**

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**Only some towns have laws that kids have to wear helmets while they are riding a bicycle. Do you think every town should have this law? Explain why.**

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**If you were a mayor, what is one law that you would make? Why?**

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Look at the four pictures below. Fill in the bubbles below the pictures of the people who are NOT following the law.





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A woman with voluminous curly hair, wearing a bright blue top, is speaking to a group of people. Several hands are holding microphones and smartphones towards her, indicating a press conference or a media interview. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be an American flag.

# Shavon the Mayor: What is a Law?

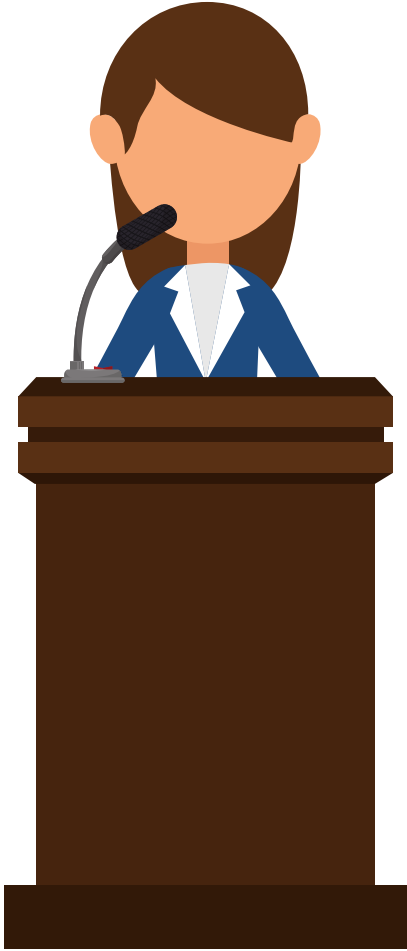


# Meet Shavon!

**Hi, I'm Shavon, and I am a mayor. A mayor is a person who's in charge of running a town. Mayors make sure that the people in their town are safe and happy.**



# Being a Mayor



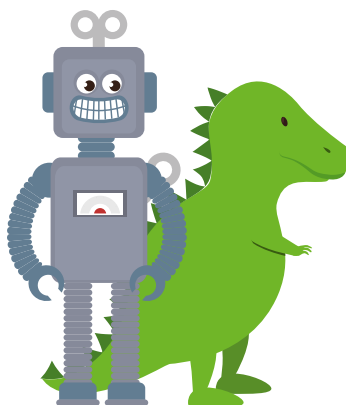
**My favorite part about being a mayor is working with other people to make new laws.**

# What are Laws?

Laws are rules that everyone in a town must follow. Laws keep people safe.



Laws also keep your property safe. Property refers to things that are yours, like your clothes, toys, or backpack.





# Examples of Laws

Here are some examples of laws in my town!



**A car must stop if someone is crossing the street.**



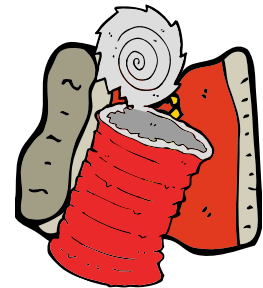
**You cannot steal other people's property.**



**You must wear a seatbelt.**

# What I Am Working On

Right now, I am solving a big problem in my town. People are leaving trash everywhere! This is a problem because animals could eat the trash and get sick.



Can you think of other reasons why people should clean up their trash?



# Making a Law

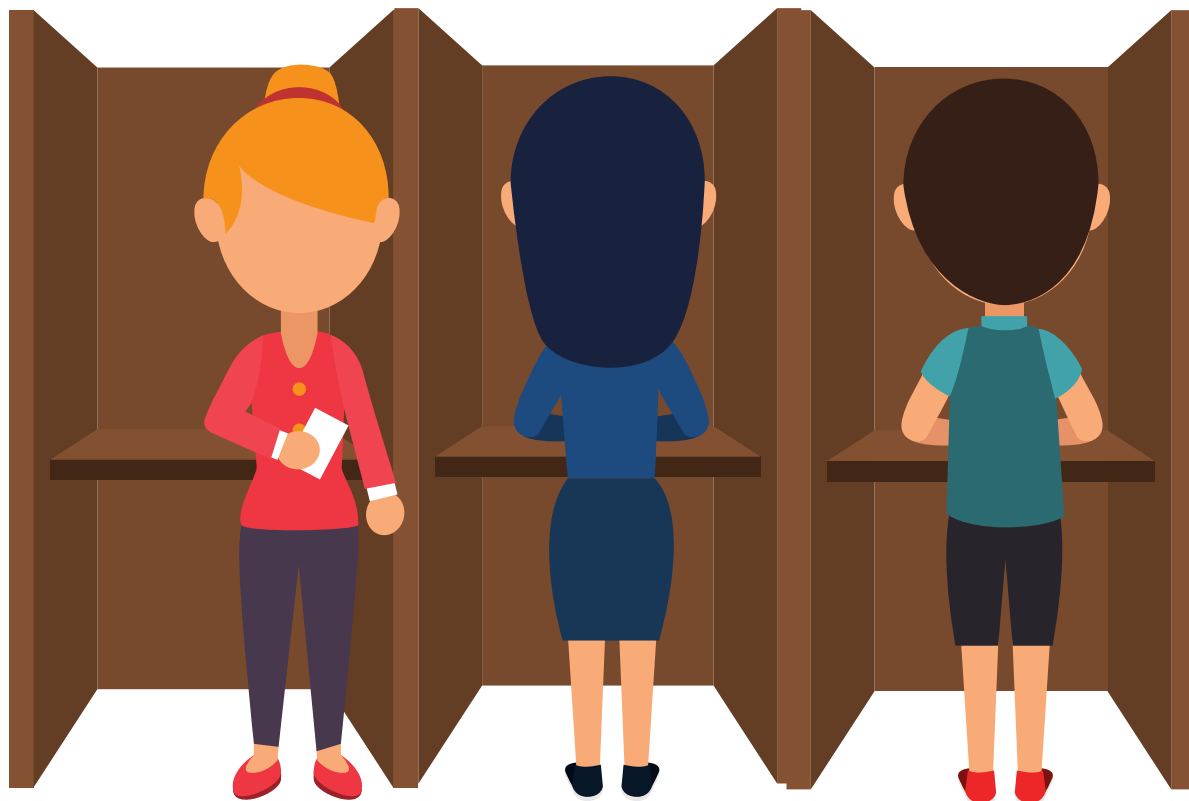
**I decide to make a law that people must throw trash in a trash can. They cannot throw garbage on the streets or in a park.**



**I also think about what should happen if people break the law. If people break the law, a police officer will write them a ticket. If someone gets a ticket, it means they owe the town money.**

# How Does a Person Become the Mayor?

To become a mayor, you have to be elected! This means that people in a town vote on whom they want their mayor to be. The person who gets the most votes wins and becomes mayor.



Have you  
ever voted for  
anything at  
school?