

Examples of Policies and Practices



EXAMPLE: You have learned a little about how policies (public and private) and practices are different. Look at this example as a reminder of how you can tell policies and practices apart:

public policies	private policies	community practices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be 18 to vote. Your town has a bike path that does not allow motor vehicles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABC Petrochemical Company does not send untreated water to a nearby creek. Certain corporations donate money to the World Wildlife Fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My neighbors recycle their bottles and cans. I choose to pick up litter when I see it on the ground.

STEP ONE: Listed below are several public policies, private policies and practices. Which is which?

Indicate whether each one is a public or private policy, or a community practice by writing it in the correct column below.

- Countryside Farm allows people to pick the fruits and vegetables they want to buy.
- Littering is not allowed on the streets in New York City.
- Millions of people visit Yellowstone National Park every year.
- The recycle sign has three arrows.
- Landfill smell emissions indicators have ratings – like good, poor, and marginal odor.
- When there's rare wildlife in a nature reserve, people go to look at it.
- Before animal handlers at the zoo get their jobs, they take classes and receive a certification.
- A family in your neighborhood goes to a park every Sunday.

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STEP TWO: Now try thinking of your own examples for each column. What are some practices and policies that affect you every day?

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STEP THREE: Why is it important to understand policies and practices?