

Getting in Touch with Your Local Government

Suppose you have a problem or a question involving your local government. Which department would you contact? Not surprisingly, the answer would depend on the nature of the problem or question. Different departments have different areas of responsibility. Below is a list of eight situations that involve local government. Read each situation. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the department that would most likely deal with it.

Situation

- _____ 1. A family has just moved here from another state. They want to know where and how to register their children for public school.
- _____ 2. The street light in front of your home has been out for the past three nights.
- _____ 3. You want to know what days and hours the public swimming pool in your community is open.
- _____ 4. The chimney of a nearby apartment building is sending out large quantities of thick black smoke, and heavy soot is falling all over the neighborhood.
- _____ 5. There has been no garbage pickup on your block for more than a week.
- _____ 6. Your grandmother has just celebrated her 65th birthday. She wants to obtain an identification card that states she is a senior citizen and therefore eligible for certain special city services.
- _____ 7. You lost your gloves on your way back from a shopping trip. You think you may have left them on a city bus.
- _____ 8. A family is interested in either adopting a child or taking in a foster child.

Department

- a. Department of Parks and Recreation
- b. Bureau of Gas and Electricity
- c. Department of Sanitation
- d. Department for the Aging
- e. Department of Social Services
- f. Department of Environmental Pollution
- g. Board of Education
- h. Department of Transportation