

ANARCHY STATE OF CHAOS

Ancient Greek (anarchia) 'without' and (arkhi) 'ruler, authority'

Anarchy is a situation of lawlessness caused by the absence, or non-recognition of traditional forms of authority. An environment of panic and chaos, resulting in fear and distrust takes hold when weak and ineffective authority exists.

Anarchy can also result when a ruling authority exercises arbitrary control over a society, causing individual freedoms to be eroded away. Citizens who feel their safety and security is at risk, can lose confidence in all authority. Confusion and anxiety in these situations can lead to uprisings in communities.

How do you know when a state has descended into anarchy?

- Ⓐ The laws of the land, or ruler, are ignored.
- Ⓐ The authorities have no influence or effect; therefore, there is no law enforcement or courts and crime goes unpunished.
- Ⓐ Crime and destruction of property increases, businesses cease to operate.
- Ⓐ Citizens are not held responsible for their actions. Without law enforcement, there are no consequences for their behaviour, or justice provided to those who are victims of crime.
- Ⓐ The safety of an individual is violated.
- Ⓐ Any system or form of government, or constitution is ignored.

Imagine if a state of lawlessness existed in Australia. At first, we might enjoy not needing to follow expectations of the rules and laws in our community. However, think about the effects and consequences that would occur as a result from living in a lawless society. Imagine how your daily life would be impacted, as well as that of your family and friends. This image might give you some idea on what to expect in a lawless society.



- What would it be like if you left the safety of your home to go out and visit friends?
- What do you think you would see and experience?
- How would you feel?