What Is 'The Rule Of Law'?

*The word* ***'law'*** *is a very important in the English language. It is a word we use frequently, often carelessly, and we sometimes confuse its real meaning. We often use the expression* ***'the law'*** *when talking about the police officer at work. The police, however, are not the law. Their responsibility is to enforce the law and see to it that it is obeyed so we can be free and safe.*

***The Rule of law Means:***

* *No one, regardless of position or power, is excused from obeying the law.*
* *Everyone is equal in the eyes of the law. The law must be the same for people of all races and beliefs, for male and female, for rich and poor.*
* *The law states what power the Government has over us and what freedoms we have under that Government.*
* *The Freedom of any individual can be limited only by those we have elected and only in ways that have been agreed on, such as those for passing a bill in Parliament. In our democratic system, the law restricts what the Government can do and the way it can do it.*
* *The law protects our lives and our property from one another's anger or greed.*

*Most of the time, we do not think in broad terms about the rule of law. We think of the laws themselves. In a democracy, laws are rules and regulations that the people, through their elected representatives, have agreed upon to make it possible to live in peace and order. Every law limits in some way what a person may do. At the same time, every law protects an individual's freedom.*