# 1. President's Powers

The President of the United States uses three main tools to help run the country and share important information. Each tool is used in a different way, depending on how serious or powerful it needs to be. These tools help the President lead the government and explain important decisions to the American people.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive orders from the President work like laws.

Intended to make big changes or deal with emergencies. For example, the President might use one to tell government agencies what to do or to respond to a serious problem.

They must be written down in a special government record called the Federal Register.

They must say what law gives the President the power. This helps people understand why it’s legal.

MEMORANDA

Memoranda are less formal than executive orders.

Used for everyday tasks, like giving instructions to federal agencies or handling smaller issues.

Don’t have to be published in a special government record called the Federal Register, and don’t have to explain the legal authority for the actions they direct.

More flexible but less transparent to the public than executive orders.

Still important for running the government smoothly.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations are official messages from the President to announce special events, awareness days, or important issues.

They are intended to make big changes or deal with emergencies.

If a proclamation has a legal effect, it must be printed in a special government record called the Federal Register.