## TYPES OF BONDS

|  | Ionic | Polar Covalent | Nonpolar Covalent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Types of elements | Metal + nonmetal | Two different <br> nonmetals | Two identical <br> nonmetals |
| Electronegativity <br> difference | Greater than 1.7 | Greater than 0 but less <br> than 1.7 | Equal to 0 |
| What happens to <br> electrons | Transferred from the <br> metal to the nonmetal | Shared unequally <br> between the atoms | Shared equally <br> between the atoms |
| How do you indicate <br> what has occurred? | Formation of a cation <br> and an anion | Indicate unequal <br> sharing with partial <br> charges <br> $\delta-=$ higher Eneg <br> $\delta+=$ lower Eneg | No charges or partial <br> charges required |


Polar covalent bond

Bonding electrons shared unequally between two atoms. Partial charges on atoms.
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## Nonpolar covalent bond

Bonding electrons shared equally between two atoms. No charges on atoms.

Complete transfer of one or more valence electrons. Full charges on resulting ions.

## TYPES OF MOLECULES

## Polar Molecule

Occurs when there is an asymmetrical distribution of charge
Bent (ex. $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) and pyramidal (ex. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ) shapes are always polar
Tetrahedral and linear molecules may be polar if the charges are not symmetrical about the central atom

## Nonpolar Molecule

Occurs when the bond is nonpolar
OR
When the polar bonds are symmetrically distributed around the central atom in a tetrahedral or linear molecule

$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}$ is a tetrahedral molecule. The bonds between $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}$ are all polar. However, the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bond is more polar and therefore there is an unequal distribution of charge.

HCN is a linear molecule. The bonds between C-H and CN are both polar. However, nitrogen has a higher electronegativity and the C-N bond is more polar and therefore there is an asymmetrical distribution of charge
$\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ is a tetrahedral molecule. The bonds between C-H are all polar. These polar bonds are symmetrically distributed around the central carbon and the molecule is nonpolar.

$\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ is a linear molecule. The bonds between $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ are polar. These polar bonds are symmetrically distributed around the central atom and the molecule is nonpolar (NO POLES.)

