

5 Things You Can Do to Protect Your Voting Rights

Register to vote or make sure your registration is up-to-date.

Be sure to confirm your registration status before the registration deadline.

Make sure you know where to vote.

Polling locations can change before an election, so make sure you check right before you go.

Check to make sure you have the right ID ahead of Election Day.

Ahead of Election Day, make sure to check your state's laws for what IDs are accepted so that you're prepared.

Make a plan to vote.

You are more likely to vote if you make a plan before Election Day. Know what time you're going to vote and where you're voting.

Bring a friend!

The best way to protect your voting rights is to use them, so make sure you're getting as many people out to vote as possible.

Questions about voting? 1-833-336-VOTE (8683)

Know Your Voting Rights

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Register to vote and keep your registration updated.

Register to vote or update your registration at IWillVote.com. Find your state's deadline on your state Secretary of State's website. Check IWillVote.com or call your local elections office to make sure there are no problems with your registration, especially if you have moved recently, changed your name, or have not voted in recent elections.

Find out if you can vote ahead of Election Day

For greater convenience, most states allow voting before Election Day in person and/or by mail. Find out whether you can vote early on your state elections website.

Find your polling place

Check IWillVote.com or call your local elections office to find out the location of your polling place. Ask about any new voting procedures or requirements. Locations may change, and a vote cast at the wrong place may not be counted.

Check required identification

Find out what identification is required to vote in your state on your state Secretary of State's website. Bring identification to the polls in case it is needed. Requirements may be different if it is your first time voting.

Bring a friend or family member for assistance

Under federal law, you can bring an assister of your choice into the voting booth to help you vote. You can also ask for a poll worker to assist you.

Ask for a new ballot, if you make a mistake

Under federal law, you have a right to a new ballot if you make a mistake.

Vote no matter what, even if it's a provisional ballot

If you arrive late in the day and are in line when polls close, stay in line because you have the right to vote. If you're told you can't vote a regular ballot and you're in the correct precinct, try to correct the problem. If you're not able to, ask for and cast a provisional ballot.

Bringing your child into a polling place

You can bring your child with you when you cast your ballot.

Language assistance

You may have the right to receive voting assistance and election materials in your preferred language. Find out if your jurisdiction is one of the 263 jurisdictions required to provide these resources under federal law.

Get more information on special circumstances that could affect you.

If you are a voter with questions due to unique circumstances such as your status as a returning citizen, college student, member of the LGBTQ community, person with disabilities, or elderly person, please call the voter protection hotline at 1-833-336-8683 for assistance on Election Day.

Federal law guarantees your right to cast a ballot even if someone says you are not eligible. If you are qualified to vote and registered in the jurisdiction, do not leave the polling place without at least casting a provisional ballot.