

STAYING SAFE VOTE EARLY, VOTE TOGETHER

FIND A BUDDY (or three!), or join up with your community carpool, Souls to the Polls, or take advantage of local rideshare options and deals.

Still planning on casting your ballot in person but unsure about going alone? Group up!

- **Visit** your state's secretary of state site for mail ballot dead-lines and rules.
 - **Make a plan** for dropping off your ballot
- Mail-in ballots are a great and convenient way to cast your vote, especially for those who can't take time off work, visit a polling location, stand in line for long periods, or will be traveling on Election Day.

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**Find out the rules for your state
and info for how to register to vote:**

All states offer either ACPs or confidential voter registration to protect survivors' information when registering to vote, though qualifying circumstances and processes vary by state.

KNOW YOUR ID RULES.



Every state is different.
Check yours:
voterid.org

HIT A SNAG?

Ask for a provisional ballot. Your ballot can be set aside while election officials verify your eligibility. Need help? Call **866-OUR-VOTE** before you leave.

STAY IN LINE.

If you're there before polls close, you can still vote.

**BEFORE YOU VOTE
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!**

A PREPARED VOTER IS A SAFE VOTER

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It's worth **taking a minute** familiarize yourself with the rules ahead of time:

Fine tune your planning with final considerations about your voting journey, from your doorstep to the polling place. Laws about what kinds of activity—including partisan apparel/campaigning, food and beverage distribution, petitions, etc.—are permitted within or near polling places vary by state. Planning to take an "I Voted" selfie? Just know that different states prohibit photography inside the polling place, or that includes your ballot.

Nonprofit VOTE helps nonprofits engage voters confidently, legally, and nonpartisanly.



RESOURCE LIBRARY
State guides, webinars,
and practical voter
engagement tools.

NEED SUPPORT?

Nonprofits think about safety and compliance differently than individuals. If your organization has questions about responding to government inquiries or enforcement actions, Protect Democracy offers preparedness resources.

protectdemocracy.org

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WHO'S IN THE ROOM AND WHO ISN'T?

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Still have concerns? This resource shares ways to confidently respond to concerning activity.

You have the right to cast your vote without interruption or interference.

Poll watchers, challengers, and other federal, state, and local officials may be present, but are all forbidden under state and federal law from interfering with your right to vote. **Know this: not everyone at a polling place is an election official.** There is no national policy directing ICE officers to polling places. Still, recent public statements and occurrences have raised questions and concerns.

If you have questions about registration deadlines, requesting absentee ballots, or how to vote—either during early voting or on Election Day—it helps if there's someone you can call or text!

It's not just for making your voting plan, either. **If you are stopped from voting on Election Day for any reason, these trained Election Protection volunteers can offer guidance on your next steps:**

EN: 866-OUR-VOTE
866-687-8683

SP: 888-VE-Y-VOTA
888-839-8682

AR: 844-YALLA-US
844-925-5287

ASIAN LANGUAGES:
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