



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These are some of the most common questions that Disability Rights Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition receive.

1. ***Where Do I Vote – Where is my Polling Place?***

Voters can look up their polling place by entering their address at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/FindMyPollingPlace>

2. ***What Time are the Polls Open?***

ALL POLLS ARE OPEN from 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day.

3. ***Do I need to bring an ID to vote?***

- **YES** – A list of acceptable IDs can be found at <https://www.bringitwisconsin.com/>
- If a voter does not have an acceptable photo ID, a free Photo ID for Voting can be obtained at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) location.
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>

4. ***Am I registered to vote, and, if not, can I register on election day?***

To determine if someone is registered to vote, check <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

Voters who are not registered, may register at the polls.

- To register on Election Day, Wisconsin voters must provide a proof of residence document. It can be a driver license or state ID card with the voter's current address. It can also be a current utility bill, lease, university ID card or other official document showing the voter's name and current address. For a list of acceptable documents, visit the Elections Commission website at <http://elections.wi.gov/>
- You must be a resident of your ward for 10 days to register.
- Voters who have a valid Wisconsin driver license will be required to use their license number to complete the registration form. Otherwise, they may use a state ID card number or last four digits of their Social Security number.

5. ***If I am not registered to vote, can I register in advance?***

- Online at myvote.wi.gov. Up to 20 days before Election Day. Requires a valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the DMV.
- Mail. Up to 20 days before Election Day. Mail completed form to your municipal clerk.
- In person, at the municipal clerk's office.
 - Must provide proof of residence.
 - Ends 5:00 PM on Friday before election.
- At your polling place on Election Day.

- Must provide proof of residence. A reminder that a Photo ID must also be presented at the polling place on Election Day.

6. *What Documents can I use as proof of residence for registering?*

A complete list is on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <https://elections.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence>

All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address. Some examples include:

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card.
- A bank or credit card statement
- A paycheck or paystub.
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.

7. *What if I am at my polling place and there is a problem with my ID?*

A voter may cast a provisional ballot if the voter does not have a photo ID, forgets to bring a photo ID to the polls, or if the poll workers do not accept the ID for some reason. A provisional ballot is just like a regular ballot, except that it is placed in a special envelope and is not counted unless the voter returns with an acceptable photo ID.

The deadlines for fixing a provisional ballot are 8 p.m. on Election Day at the polling place or by 4 p.m. the Friday after the election in the municipal clerk's office. Voters who left their photo ID at home can also simply retrieve it and then cast a ballot rather than casting a provisional ballot.

8. *I need transportation to my polling place.*

- The Disability Vote Coalition has a flyer with ideas for those who need a ride to the Polls. It is posted on our web page: <http://www.disabilityvote.org/resources>

9. *I can't get to the polls on Election Day. Can I vote absentee?*

- Any **registered Wisconsin voter** is eligible to request an absentee ballot. If a voter is not registered, they must **register to vote** before an absentee ballot can be sent to them.
- A voter can apply for and vote their absentee ballot in-person in the clerk's office or can request an absentee ballot from their municipal clerk. The request can be made in writing by mail, e-mail, fax or online at myvote.wi.gov.
- To find the dates and hours for in-person absentee voting, voter should **contact their municipal clerk**. For contact information go to <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>
- The Disability Vote Coalition absentee voting fact sheet has additional information: Check our web site at: <http://www.disabilityvote.org/resources>
- Special provisions are made for hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors to request and vote by absentee ballot on election day.

10. *How can I learn more about the candidates?*

- Voters can view a SAMPLE Ballot at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/PreviewMyBallot>
- The League of Women Voters **Vote411.org** site provides non-partisan information. See what's on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print a sample ballot with your preferences. <https://www.vote411.org/>

11. Voting if you live in a Nursing Home, Residential Facility, or In-Patient Treatment Facility

If you live in a Residential care facility such as a Nursing Home, Community Based Residential Facility, Residential care Apartment Complex, or Adult Family Home, you may be visited by a Special Voting Deputy (SVD) who helps to administer an absentee ballot.

A Special Deputy will visit if:

- a. There are at least 5 people registered to vote in the municipality where the facility is located; and
- b. At least one resident has requested an absentee ballot for the election.
- c. The clerk may also choose to send Special Voting Deputies if the facility does not meet the statutory threshold whereby they are required to send Special Voting Deputies.

Contact your Municipal Clerk to determine if a Special Deputy will visit.

12. I have a Guardian. Am I able to vote?

In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court expressly removes it.

- If an individual is under guardianship and unsure of their right to vote, the Court's decision regarding the right to vote is recorded on a court form called "A Determination and Order on Petition for Guardianship Due to Incompetency." (GN-3170).
- The language in the court order will not specifically say that the person has retained the right to vote, however, a box will be checked if the right has been removed.
- If someone is under guardianship and not sure if they have the right to vote, they should:
 - Ask their guardian to look at the "Determination and Order form" mentioned above to see if their right to vote was removed. A copy of this form may be requested from Probate Court in their county (costs about \$2.00 to get a copy).
 - OR
 - Contact the Municipal Clerk for their community. The Clerk can check the list they receive from the state of individuals adjudicated incompetent and ineligible to vote.
- A person who has a guardian and has lost the right to vote may petition the court to restore their right to vote (Wis. Stat 54.64(2)(a)).

13. *What accommodations are available at my polling place?*

- **Curbside voting** is available if a voter cannot enter the polling place due to a disability on Election Day. Two poll workers will bring a ballot to the individual needing assistance, and conduct voting at their vehicle, or at the polling place entrance. Proof of residence must be provided if a voter is not registered. Proof of identification must be provided. If you need curbside voting, we suggest you call your Municipal Clerk in advance of the election regarding your request. Contact information for municipal clerks is online at <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>
- **If a voter inside the polling location cannot sign the poll list** due to a physical disability, they should inform a poll worker. The poll worker will write “Exempt by order of inspectors” in the signature space on the poll list.
- **An accessible voting machine will be available in every polling place.** This machine will allow voters to independently mark the ballot. These machines will be set up to allow voters who use a wheelchair to reach the controls, and have an audio ballot-marking option for voters with visual impairment.
- **If a voter needs help marking the ballot, he or she may have a person assist them.** That person does not need to be qualified to vote. The voter may not receive assistance from an employer or a representative of that voter’s labor organization.
- **Other reasonable accommodations can be requested.** Speak to the chief inspector at the polling place or the municipal clerk. Contact information for municipal clerks is online at <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>

14. *I have a concern about my polling place.*

- **For immediate reporting and assistance on Election Day**, the voter should contact the Chief Election Inspector at their polling place, or contact their municipal clerk.
- Issues not resolved to the voter’s satisfaction should be reported to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at <http://elections.wi.gov/complaints>, or call toll free 1-866-VOTE-WIS.
- If voters with disabilities have a problem at the polls, or need assistance reporting a complaint, you may also refer the caller to our Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline at 1-844-DIS-VOTE for assistance.

15. **Who can I contact for voting related questions?**

- **Wisconsin Elections Commission** <https://elections.wi.gov/>
Toll free help line: 1-866-VOTE-WIS, staffed Monday – Friday from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM.
Questions can also be emailed to elections@wi.gov.
- **Wisconsin Municipal Clerks** are responsible for administering elections for their municipality. The Clerk is a resource for your voting questions, including about absentee voting. Contact information for clerks: <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline** 1-844-DIS-VOTE
A resource for disability related questions about voting, including voting rights, and help addressing a concern or filing a complaint.
- **MyVote Wisconsin** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>
Resource for voters to check if they are registered to vote, what is their polling place, and view what's on the ballot, and online registration.
- **Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition:** Web site: <http://www.disabilityvote.org/>
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