

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION

A Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition Training



Make your plan now to
Vote in the
November 8th election



Wisconsin Requires Photo ID to vote

- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Voter ID Hotline:
844-588-1069
- Plan ahead for transportation
- Coming soon: “Rides to the Polls” at disabilityvote.org

Step 1:

**Check your voter registration at
mvote.wi.gov**



Step 2:

**Register
(if you are not registered)**

**Re-register
(if you have moved since last election)**

Voter Registration Deadlines

Deadlines to register for November election:

- By Mail or online: October 19, 2022
- November 4, 2022: Deadline to register in person at your Municipal Clerk's office.
- In-Person: Tuesday, November 8, 2020

Step 3: Fill out a registration form if you are not registered.

- Register online, by mail, at your clerk's office, or on election day.

Step 4: To vote by mail, request an absentee ballot ASAP

- Request an absentee ballot online, by mail, by email or in-person.
- Deadline to request:
November 3 (too late to receive)

Step 5: Learn about the candidates

- Vote411.org
- Ballotopedia.org
- Wisconsinvote.org

Step 6: Complete your absentee ballot and ballot envelope

- Carefully follow the directions to ensure your vote will be counted.
- Complete your absentee ballot in the presence of a witness.
- If you have an assistor complete your ballot and/or envelope, they must sign.
- Sign and date the envelope. Witness must sign and record their complete address.

Step 7: Return the completed witness absentee ballot ASAP

- Your absentee ballot must be received by 8 PM November 8th.
- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE return your completed, witnessed absentee ballot by mail or in-person.

Step 7: Returning absentee ballot (cont.)

Ballot Return Assistance

- A Court order clarified that federal law protects the right of people with disabilities to receive assistance mailing or returning their absentee ballots.
- Disabled voters may receive assistance from a person of their choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.
- Election officials and clerks cannot inquire about a voter's disability status beyond the questions in WEC guidance. No additional steps may be taken to verify the voter's disability or right to assistance.

Step 7: Returning absentee ballot (cont)

Ballot Return Assistance (cont.)

If you have someone assist you with returning your ballot, explain to the person assisting you that they may be asked these questions by the election official.

- 1. Are you the voter? If not, then:*
- 2. Are you delivering the voter's ballot because the voter has determined that they require assistance returning their ballot due to their disability? If yes, then:*
- 3. Are you someone other than the voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union? If yes, then the ballot can be accepted.*

Step 8: If you choose to vote in person, bring your photo ID

- In-person Absentee Voting (Early Voting) starts October 25th
- Election Day:
Tuesday, November 8, 7 AM – 8 PM

Step 9: Know Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Vote privately and independently.
- Access the polling place, including an accessible route to enter the building.
- Assistance mailing or returning your ballot.
- Assistance marking your ballot. If voting in person, you can bring someone with you or ask a poll worker for assistance. Poll workers are required to assist a voter upon request.

Note: You cannot receive assistance from your employer or from your union representative.



Voter Rights-Accessible Voting Machines

You have the right to use an accessible voting machine at your polling place.

All polling places are required by law to have an accessible voting machine.

Note: The law does not require this for early in-person absentee voting.

Anyone can (and should) use an accessible voting machine.

Learn more about the machines at:

<https://elections.wi.gov/accessible-voting-equipment>



Voter Rights – Curbside Voting



- If a voter cannot enter the absentee voting location or polling place due to disability, Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1) requires that curbside voting must be available.

- *Tip: contact your clerk in advance to discuss how to access curbside voting. (number to call, bell to ring, honk horn etc.)*

Voter Rights – Reasonable Accommodations



You have the right to ask for reasonable accommodations at the polling place including,

a chair to sit on

a signature guide

a magnifying glass

assistance stating your name and address

tools to help poll workers interact with deaf and hard of hearing voters such as pen and paper or an easel for announcements.

Voting and Guardianship

In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court expressly removes it. Election officials, family members, guardians or others may not take away someone's 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). A copy may be requested from Probate Court in their county (about \$2.00 for a copy).

The court order will not say that the person has retained the right to vote, however, a box will be checked if the right has been removed.



Voting and Guardianship (cont.)

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)).

Resources about voting rights and guardianship, and restoring the right to vote are on the DRW website:

disabilityrightswi.org/resource-center/guardianship-and-voting/



Voter Rights Video and Fact Sheet

For information about voting rights, watch the Disability Vote Coalition video “Know Your Rights” before you vote in person:

disabilityvote.org/2019/know-your-rights/

Voting Rights fact sheet:

<https://disabilityvote.org/2021/voting-rights-fact-sheet/>



Questions? Help is available

- Contact your Municipal Clerk:
myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk.
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline:** 1-844-347-8683 /
1-844-DIS-VOTE Email us at info@disabilityvote.org
- **Wisconsin Elections Commission:**
866-868-3947/ 1-866-VOTE-WIS elections@wi.gov elections.wi.gov/
- **DMV Voter ID Hotline: (844) 588-1069.**
Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the DMV.



Disability Vote Coalition Resources

- Website with videos and factsheets:
Disabilityvote.org
- E-newsletter: sign up on our website
- Facebook: follow us and share our posts
- Join us to support Wisconsinites with disabilities on their voting rights

