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Know Your Voting Rights Lunch & Learn

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About the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

- ▶ We are a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.
- ▶ The Coalition is coordinated by Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. Members include people with disabilities, community agencies, and other partners.

www.disabilityvote.org

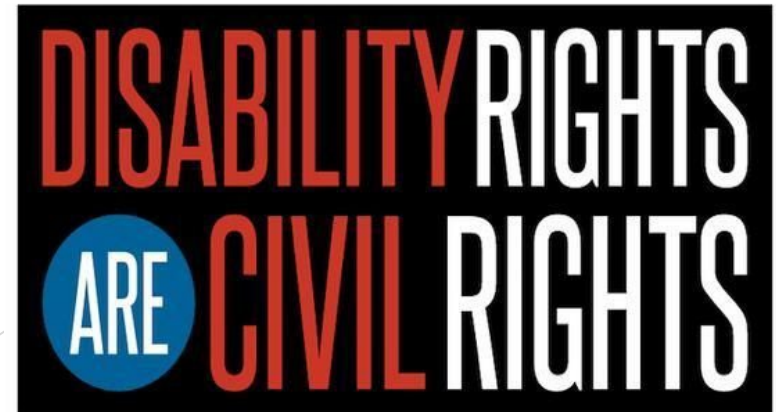
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What are my key rights as a voter with a disability?

- ▶ Right to vote **privately and independently**.
- ▶ Right to **access** the polling place.
- ▶ Right to **ask for accommodations**, such as a chair to sit in rather than standing in line, signature guide, magnifying glass, and assistance stating your name and address.
- ▶ Right to **assistance** marking your ballot (just not your employer or your union representative)

More rights

- ▶ Right to Curbside Voting if you can't get into your polling place as a result of a disability.
- ▶ You can **file a complaint** if you feel your rights have been violated.
- ▶ If you make a mistake, you can **request another ballot** from the election officials.
- ▶ You may bring a “**notes sheet**” into the polling place.
- ▶ No one should tell you how to vote.



What is an accessible voting machine?

- ▶ Each polling place is required to have at least one accessible voting system.
- ▶ The accessible voting system must provide the opportunity for voters to vote privately and independently.
- ▶ Anyone can use the accessible voting system.
- ▶ Elections officials must make sure it's functioning properly in each election, and that election officials are trained to operate them.





What is curbside voting?

- ▶ Required by law for any voter who cannot enter the polling place due to a disability.
- ▶ Contact your Municipal Clerk in advance of Election Day to determine the process to access curbside voting (e.g. honk your horn, ring a doorbell, call a phone number).

Voting Rights of People Alleged to Be Incompetent

- ▶ Only a court can remove the right to vote of a person alleged to be incompetent.
- ▶ No one else can interfere with the right to vote.
- ▶ Rights are retained unless expressly removed.
- ▶ The standard for removing the right to vote is “incapable of understanding the objective of the elective process.”
- ▶ An individual who has lost the right to vote can petition the court to have their right to vote restored.

2026 Elections: A Look Ahead

Spring Primary: February 17 (if needed)

Spring Election: April 7

Partisan Primary: August 11

General Election: November 3

Voting Resources

Disability Vote Coalition:

- Website: www.disabilityvote.org
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsindisabilityvote/>

DRW Voter Hotline:

- 844-DIS-VOTE (347-8683) or email info@disabilityvote.org

Your municipal clerk <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyMunicipalClerk>

Wisconsin Election Commission

1-866-VOTE-WIS / elections.wi.gov or email elections@wi.gov

MyVoteWisconsin www.myvote.wi.gov

► Photo ID

- www.bringit.wi.gov
- Wisconsin DMV Voter ID hotline: 844-588-1069
- Voter ID Helpline: 608-285-2141