

What Should I Expect When I Go Vote?

- The polling place should be accessible.
- Polling site officials will treat all voters with respect.
- As a voter with a disability, I can bring an assistant to help me vote or ask a poll worker to assist me.
- Poll workers will usually be sitting at a table or desk waiting to “check me in.”
 - › I should ask a poll worker where to go if I am confused.
 - › The poll worker will ask me my name and address to verify who I am.
- I need to bring proper ID if I registered to vote by mail and this is my first time voting.
 - › Bringing ID is a good idea whenever I go vote.
- After checking in, I will be given a ballot and directed to the voting booth.
- If I have questions about how to fill out the ballot or work the voting machine, I may ask a polling site official.
- If I make a mistake on my ballot that cannot be fixed, I am allowed another one.

What if I Have Trouble Voting?

If a polling site official says I am not allowed to vote I can:

- Ask why. Laws protect my right to vote and I can complain if someone tries to stop me.
- Vote a provisional or contested ballot after swearing I am registered.
- Call the County Board of Elections (look in the county government section of the phonebook).
- Call the State Board of Elections at 919-733-7173 or 866-522-4723
- [Call Disability Rights NC](#)

How do I contact Disability Rights NC?

919-856-2195 *voice*
877-235-4210 *voice*
888-268-5535 *TTY*
919-856-2244 *fax*

Disability Rights North Carolina
2626 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 550
Raleigh, North Carolina 27608

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www.disabilityrightsn.org

Upon request, information is available in alternate format.

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Vote!

Your Voice. Your Vote.
Your RIGHT.

Why Vote?

- It is my right as a citizen.
- I can vote the way I want: It is a choice I can make all on my own.
- My vote is my voice: I can use it to elect people who share my values and points of view.
- My ONE vote makes a difference: One vote has elected Presidents, started wars, and accepted new states.
- I can learn about issues through TV, radio, searching online, and reading.

How Do I Vote?

- At my assigned polling site on Election Day.
- During the One-Stop Voting Period (3 to 19 days before Election Day).
 - › I can register and vote on the same day.
 - › If I am already registered, I may vote early.
- I may vote curbside if I can get to the voting site but cannot get inside due to age or disability.
- I may request an absentee ballot be sent to me by mail.
- I should contact my County Board of Elections if I worry the voting machine or site will not be fully accessible.

Who May Vote?

You May Register to Vote in NC if you:

- Are a citizen of NC.
- Have lived in the county/precinct where you want to vote for at least 30 days.
- Will be 18 years old or older by the general election.
- Are not currently serving any part of a sentence for a felony.
 - › If you have been convicted of a felony, you may vote as soon as you have completed all the terms of your sentence.
- Have not had the right to vote specifically taken away in any other proceeding.
 - › Most people who have guardians keep the right to vote.

How Do I Know if I am Registered to Vote?

- Contact my local County Board of Elections to find out if I am a registered voter, my assigned polling place, etc.
- Go to the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/> and select the “My Election Information” quick link near the top of the page.

How Do I Register?

- Fill out and send in a mail-in voter registration form.
 - › I can find this form at the local County Board of Elections office or I may ask that they send me one in the mail.
 - › Public libraries and some other locations, including DRNC, also have the forms.
 - › If I registered by mail, I must bring identification when I go to vote for the first time.
- At the DMV when I renew or apply for my driver’s license or state identification (ID) card.
- At the Social Services office (where I may apply for government programs/assistance) if I apply for services or change my information.
- Identification (ID) is required to register to vote. I need to bring an official document that has my name and current address on it.
- I may register at any time.
 - › If I do not register 25 days before an election, I may register and vote in the One-Stop Voting Period 3 to 19 days before the election.

Voting Checklist-Before I vote, I should:

- Register to vote, or if I think I’m already registered, check my registration.
- Contact my local county board of elections if I think I may need additional assistive technology for the voting machines so I may vote privately and independently.
- Check the location of my chosen voting site.
- Bring appropriate identification if I am voting in-person for the first time and I registered to vote by mail.
- Decide if I want assistance to vote and ask the appropriate person to go with me if I do not want to use a poll worker.