

LET ME VOTE



Voting Rights for Ohioans with Disabilities

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Am I eligible to vote if I have a disability?

- YES, of course, you can vote! If you're at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, you have the right to vote.
 - What if I have a guardian? You can still vote!
 - What if I have a mental disability? You can still vote!
 - What if I am unable to leave a hospital, nursing home, or my house? You can still vote.
- The only time you may not be able to vote is if a judge in probate court decided that you do not have the "capacity" to vote.

How do I register to vote?

- You must fill out, or get help filling out, a voter registration form. You can do this either by:
 - Printing out the form available on the internet at www.myohiovote.com.
 - Or going in-person to the board of elections, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles offices, public high schools, or libraries.
- The deadline to register to vote is 30 days before Election Day.

Do I have to show ID when I vote?

- Yes, you must bring an ID that shows your name and address.
- The ID does not need to have your photo. Acceptable forms of identification include:
 - An Ohio driver's license; a state ID; a current utility bill, including a cell phone bill; a bank statement; a paycheck; a government check or a government assistance letter that shows your name and address.

Can I vote absentee by mail?

- Yes, anyone who is registered to vote can vote by mail with an absentee ballot.

- You can request an absentee ballot online at www.myohiovote.com or by calling your local board of elections. A family member or close friend also can pick up a form for you at your local board of elections.

Will my polling place be accessible?

- Contact your local board of elections to make sure your polling place is accessible.
 - All voting places must be physically accessible for people with disabilities unless an exemption is granted.
 - Each polling place must have one accessible voting machine for people with disabilities, including those with vision disabilities.
- Upon arriving, you should let the poll worker know whether you would like to use the ADA-compliant voting machines, although you don't have to. It's your choice.

What if I need help at the polls?

- **You can bring someone into the voting booth if you need help to vote because of your disability.**
- You can bring anyone you want to help you, with a few exceptions.
 - The person can't be your employer or employer's agent, someone from a labor union, or a candidate whose name appears on the ballot.
- You also can ask for help from the poll workers where you vote.

For help or more information:

- Call the Ohio Secretary of State's office at 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446), or visit www.myohiovote.com.
- Contact the Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) or at info@866ourvote.org
- Disability Rights Ohio is another organization that helps people with disabilities. You can call them at 614-728-2553 or 800-858-3542 (TTY).
- If you feel your right to vote has been denied, contact the ACLU of Ohio at 216-472-2220 or contact@acluohio.org.



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