

YOUR ELECTION PROTECTION TOOLKIT



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S VOTE IS COUNTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY.



**Save these numbers in your phone
right now.**

These emergency hotlines exist to protect voters' access to the polls. If anything goes wrong for you or anyone you know, or you have any questions about voting, you can reach out. They're nonpartisan, free, and multilingual:

LANGUAGE	HOTLINE	PHONE NUMBER
English	866-OUR-VOTE	866-687-8683
Spanish/English	888-VE-Y-VOTA	888-839-8682
Asian languages/English	888-API-VOTE	888-274-8683
Arabic/English	844-YALLA-US	844-925-5287

Why would you call one of these hotlines?

 **Registration & Voter Roll Problems:** You've been told you're not on the voter rolls even though you registered, or you're voting at the same address you have for years. Your registration shows the wrong address or party when you check it, or you're told your registration is "inactive" or that you're not allowed to register for any reason.

 **Polling Place Problems:** You showed up and the polls are closed at the wrong time, or the polling place was moved without notice. The line is so long that you'll be there after polls close. (*Stay in line. You can still vote.* They can help document the wait time and escalate issues if needed.) You're told you're at the wrong polling place and directed somewhere far away, or there's no parking or signage.

 **Voting Process Problems:** The voting machine is broken or keeps "flipping" your vote. You're told the ballot scanner is full and you can't insert your ballot. You made an error on your ballot and don't know if you can fix it.

 **Voter ID Issues:** You forgot your ID and aren't sure if your state requires one. Your ID was rejected and you're being turned away.

 **Voter Intimidation & Interference:** Someone is photographing or recording voters at the polls. Armed individuals are present near your polling place. Unauthorized poll watchers are inside the polling place, hovering over voters, or challenging eligibility. Someone is shouting or harassing voters in line based on race, language, or appearance. Someone in an official-looking uniform (but isn't actually an election worker) is questioning voters.

 **Accessibility Issues:** You use a wheelchair and the polling place isn't accessible. You requested curbside voting and were refused. The accessible voting machine is broken or unavailable. You need assistance voting and were told you can't have help.

 **Language Access:** You or a community member needs a ballot in another language or interpreter and none is available. Bilingual poll workers were scheduled but didn't show up.

 **Mail-In / Absentee Ballot Issues:** You requested a mail ballot and never received it. You received a mail ballot but lost it or it arrived damaged. You returned your ballot but can't track it online. Your ballot was rejected for a signature mismatch and you don't know how to "cure" it. You're told your ballot was received after the deadline.

 **Provisional Ballot Issues:** You were given a provisional ballot but not told how or

whether it will be counted. You weren't given a tracking number or instructions for your provisional

You later found out your provisional was rejected without notice.

 **Election Worker Misconduct:** A poll worker is giving wrong information, refusing to allow lawful voters to cast ballots, or helping voters choose candidates (illegal assistance).

 **Misinformation & Confusion:** You got a fake or misleading notice in the mail telling you the wrong date, location, or that you're ineligible. You're getting conflicting information about your rights from official-looking sources. You saw something on social media that looks like voter suppression (fake "you've been purged" texts, fake polling place changes, etc.).



**Check your registration.
Get your friends to do the same.**

States have been increasingly aggressive about purging rolls. Hundreds of thousands of voters — disproportionately Black, brown, and low-income voters — have been wrongly removed. Verification is the first line of defense.

Voter registration deadlines have already started to pass us by, so there is no time to waste.

[Make sure you haven't been purged from the voter rolls.](#)



**Make your plan to vote.
Early, if possible.**

Turnout is the most powerful counter-suppression tool there is.

The more people show up, the more votes that get counted before Election Day, the harder it is to rig the outcome.

People who make a plan to vote are twice as likely to cast their ballots on or before Election Day. So even if voting is a normal routine for you, take 5 minutes to walk through these steps and finalize your plan:

1. [Know what's on your ballot.](#) The big races get publicity, but this tool shows you everything down to the ballot initiatives and school board races so that you can do your research ahead of time.
2. [Find your polling place.](#) Even if you've voted at the same location for decades. Polling locations can change without much fanfare, and you don't want to wind up driving 20 minutes in the wrong direction on Election Day.
3. [Find out when you can vote.](#) 94% of states and D.C. have some form of early voting. Getting your ballot in reduces the chance of any disruption on Election Day preventing your vote from counting. And it can help catch any problems in the system weeks before most of the country votes. If you can, vote as early as possible. *Remember: Your early voting polling place might be different from your Election Day polling place.*
4. [Need to vote by mail? Request your ballot.](#) Trump has unleashed a barrage of threats against mail-in ballots, so if you can vote in-person that's likely the best option. But if you need to, be sure to request your mail-in ballot as soon as possible. Drop your ballot off yourself instead of mailing it back. [And be sure to track your ballot to make sure it's counted.](#)

Once you've got your plan in place, talk to your friends and family. Ask them how they're voting. Point them to these resources to make sure they make a plan.

[Want to learn more about organizing your family and friends to join you in voting and protecting elections?](#)

[Join our Deep Canvass for Democracy calls every Saturday!](#)



Volunteer to Get Out the Vote

Once your voting plan is sorted, and you've gotten your friends and family to make theirs, it's time to make sure the rest of your community gets to the polls.

[Join our Deep Canvass for Democracy](#)
to talk to voters every Saturday!

Or if Saturdays aren't good for you, here are a few other excellent organizations you can check in with:

- Host a party at the polls with [When We All Vote](#)
- Volunteer with [Black Voters Matter](#)
- Work with [VoteRiders](#) to help people in states with Voter ID laws
- Or volunteer with [Ride to the Poll](#) to help people get to their polling places and vote



Volunteer as a Poll Worker

Poll worker shortages are the #1 operational vulnerability in our elections — and they disproportionately hit Black, brown, rural, and low-income precincts.

Each trained, trustworthy poll worker is a defense against chaos, error, and intimidation.

[Check out Power the Polls to find out how to help staff your local polling place.](#)