



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION** (rev 10192018)

Election Day is November 6th. Here are some of the most common questions that Disability Rights Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition receive.

1. ***Where Do I Vote – Where is my Polling Place?***

Voters can look up their polling place by entering their address at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/FindMyPollingPlace>

2. ***What Time are the Polls Open?***

ALL POLLS ARE OPEN from 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day.

3. ***Do I need to bring an ID to vote?***

- **YES** – A list of acceptable IDs can be found at <https://www.bringitwisconsin.com/>
- If a voter does not have an acceptable photo ID, a free Photo ID for Voting can be obtained at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) location.  
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>

4. ***Am I registered to vote, and, if not, can I register on election day?***

To determine if someone is registered to vote, check <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

Voters who are not registered, may register at the polls.

- To register on Election Day, Wisconsin voters must provide a proof of residence document. It can be a driver license or state ID card with the voter's current address. It can also be a current utility bill, lease, university ID card or other official document showing the voter's name and current address. For a list of acceptable documents, visit the Elections Commission website at <http://elections.wi.gov/>
- You must be a resident of your ward for 10 days to register.
- Voters who have a valid Wisconsin driver license will be required to use their license number to complete the registration form. Otherwise, they may use a state ID card number or last four digits of their Social Security number.

5. ***If I am not registered to vote, can I register in advance?***

- Online at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov/). Up to 20 days before Election Day. Requires a valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the DMV.
- Mail. Up to 20 days before Election Day. Mail completed form to your municipal clerk.
- In person, at the municipal clerk's office.
  - Must provide proof of residence.
  - Ends 5:00 PM on Friday before election.

- At your polling place on Election Day.
  - Must provide proof of residence. A reminder that a Photo ID must also be presented at the polling place on Election Day.

***The last Day to Register to Vote Online & By Mail – Wednesday Oct. 17***

**6. *What Documents can I use as proof of residence for registering?***

A complete list is on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at

<https://elections.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence>

All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address. Some examples include:

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card.
- A bank or credit card statement
- A paycheck or paystub.
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.

**7. *I need transportation to my polling place.***

- Common Cause Wisconsin is organizing a statewide list of resources for transportation to the polls. The list is available at:  
<http://www.commoncause.org/wisconsin/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2018/10/Rides-to-the-polls-2018.pdf>
- The Disability Vote Coalition has a flyer with ideas for those who need a ride to the Polls. It is posted on our web page: <http://www.disabilityvote.org/resources>

**8. *I can't get to the polls on Election Day. Can I vote absentee?***

- Any **registered Wisconsin voter** is eligible to request an absentee ballot. If a voter is not registered, they must **register to vote** before an absentee ballot can be sent to them.
- A voter can apply for and vote their absentee ballot in-person in the clerk's office or can request an absentee ballot from their municipal clerk. The request can be made in writing by mail, e-mail, fax or online at myvote.wi.gov.
- To find the dates and hours for in-person absentee voting, voter should **contact their municipal clerk**. For contact information go to <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>
- The Disability Vote Coalition absentee voting fact sheet has additional information: Check our web site at: <http://www.disabilityvote.org/resources>
- Special provisions are made for hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors to request and vote by absentee ballot on election day.

**9. *How can I learn more about the candidates?***

- Voters can view a SAMPLE Ballot at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/PreviewMyBallot>
- The League of Women Voters **Vote411.org** site provides non-partisan information. See what's on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print a sample ballot with your preferences. <https://www.vote411.org/>
- The Wisconsin Eye website has videos of candidate interviews and forums, and other resources. *Note: videos are not captioned.* <http://www.wiseye.org/Campaign-2018>
- The Coalition has suggested questions for voters with disabilities to ask the candidates. Questions are posted on our website at <http://www.disabilityvote.org/resources>

**10. *Voting if you live in a Nursing Home, Residential Facility, or In-Patient Treatment Facility***

If you live in a Residential care facility such as a Nursing Home, Community Based Residential Facility, Residential care Apartment Complex, or Adult Family Home, you may be visited by a Special Voting Deputy (SVD) who helps to administer an absentee ballot.

A Special Deputy will visit if:

- a. There are at least 5 people registered to vote in the municipality where the facility is located; and
- b. At least one resident has requested an absentee ballot for the election.
- c. The clerk may also choose to send Special Voting Deputies if the facility does not meet the statutory threshold whereby they are required to send Special Voting Deputies.

*Contact your Municipal Clerk to determine if a Special Deputy will visit.*

**11. *I have a Guardian. Am I able to vote?***

In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court expressly removes it.

- If an individual is under guardianship and unsure of their 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).
- The language in the court order will not specifically say that the person has retained the right to vote, however, a box will be checked if the right has been removed.
- If someone is under guardianship and not sure if they have the right to vote, they should:
  - Ask their guardian to look at the "Determination and Order form" mentioned above to see if their right to vote was removed. A copy of this form may be requested from Probate Court in their county (costs about \$2.00 to get a copy).
  - OR
  - Contact the Municipal Clerk for their community. The Clerk can check the list they receive from the state of individuals adjudicated incompetent and ineligible to vote.
- 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)).

**12. *What accommodations are available at my polling place?***

- **Curbside voting** is available if a voter cannot enter the polling place due to a disability on Election Day. Two poll workers will bring a ballot to the individual needing assistance, and conduct voting at their vehicle, or at the polling place entrance. Proof of residence must be provided if a voter is not registered. Proof of identification must be provided.
- **If a voter inside the polling location cannot sign the poll list** due to a physical disability, they should inform a poll worker. The poll worker will write “Exempt by order of inspectors” in the signature space on the poll list.
- **An accessible voting machine will be available in every polling place.** This machine will allow voters to independently mark the ballot. These machines will be set up to allow voters who use a wheelchair to reach the controls, and have an audio ballot-marking option for voters with visual impairment.
- **If a voter needs help marking the ballot, he or she may have a person assist them.** That person does not need to be qualified to vote. The voter may not receive assistance from an employer or a representative of that voter’s labor organization.
- **Other reasonable accommodations can be requested.** Speak to the chief inspector at the polling place or the municipal clerk. Contact information for municipal clerks is online at <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>

**13. *I have a concern about my polling place.***

- **For immediate reporting and assistance on Election Day,** the voter should contact the Chief Election Inspector at their polling place, or contact their municipal clerk.
- Issues not resolved to the voter’s satisfaction should be reported to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at <http://elections.wi.gov/complaints>, or call toll free 1-866-VOTE-WIS.
- If voters with disabilities have a problem at the polls, or need assistance reporting a complaint, you may also refer the caller to our Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline at 1-844-DIS-VOTE for assistance.

**14. *Who can I contact for voting related questions?***

- **Wisconsin Elections Commission** <https://elections.wi.gov/>  
Toll free help line: 1-866-VOTE-WIS, staffed Monday – Friday from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM.  
Questions can also be emailed to [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov).
- **Wisconsin Municipal Clerks** are responsible for administering elections for their municipality. The Clerk is a resource for your voting questions, including about absentee voting. Contact information for clerks: <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory>
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline** 1-844-DIS-VOTE  
A resource for disability related questions about voting, including voting rights, and help addressing a concern or filing a complaint.
- **MyVote Wisconsin** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>  
Resource for voters to check if they are registered to vote, what is their polling place, and view what’s on the ballot, and online registration.
- **Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition:** Web site: <http://www.disabilityvote.org/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsin disabilityvote/>