



HOW TO VOTE IN DELAWARE

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022. In Delaware, some voting information may change, so we will update this guide as needed.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register:
 - If you have already registered, you can check if you are registered to vote at ivote.de.gov.
 - Online at Delaware's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
 - By downloading and mailing the Delaware [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote by October 15. As of October 7, Delaware will no longer allow people to register to vote on Election Day.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a Delaware address and Delaware state ID card or driver's license. You can use your social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge said you cannot vote. For help understanding or getting back your right to vote, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).

- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Learn about voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also [contact your local P&A](#).



LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you can vote for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot.
- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. You can learn about ballot measures on the Delaware [election website](#).
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** The place where you go to vote in person is called a polling place. You can find your local polling place through the Delaware election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Delaware allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. You can vote between October 29, 2022 and November 6, 2022 to avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Delaware does not allow voters with disabilities to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible.

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone to help you vote. Your helper cannot be a candidate or your boss. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be a representative of that labor union. [What is a labor union?](#) You may also ask for help from poll workers at the polling place.
- **Do I need an ID?** Delaware asks voters to show ID to vote in person. If you do not show ID, you must fill out a form before you can vote. [Learn about voter ID.](#)



VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Only voters who have a physical disability, illness, or injury can vote by mail with an absentee ballot. As of October 7, Delaware no longer allows vote-by-mail for other voters. A voter who would like to vote with an absentee ballot must qualify for an absentee ballot.
- **How do I request an absentee ballot?** You must request an absentee ballot online or by downloading and completing a form and sending it back to the Department's office in your county by November 1. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic vote by mail ballot?** Delaware allows some voters with disabilities to request an electronic ballot that they can fill out and return electronically. [Request electronic ballot.](#)
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request a ballot is November 1, 2022. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive your ballot on time.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked. You must also include either the last four numbers of your social security number, Delaware driver's license number, or Delaware state ID number. You will write this in the box on the lower left of the back of the envelope.

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You should be allowed to choose someone, except for your boss, union representative if you are part of a labor union, or a candidate, to help you with filling out your ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in person to the elections office or a drop box. Voters with disabilities who receive an electronic ballot can return their ballot electronically. Your ballot must be received by election officials by 8 p.m. on November 8, 2022.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone return your ballot for you.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in Delaware.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can do this on the Delaware election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Delaware [state election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact your local P&A](#). The hotline number for voters with disabilities is 302-575-0660.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Deleware Voting Rights Coalition - Voter Guide \(English\)](#)
 - [Deleware Voting Rights Coalition - Voter Guide \(Español\)](#)
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)

- [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
- [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
- [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)



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