



How to Vote in Maryland

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online at Maryland's [online registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by mail or online by October 13th, or you can register in person on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Maryland address and A Maryland ID, or a 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 at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge has said that you may not vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy](#) agency for help understanding or restoring your right to vote.



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot, and learn about any policy changes, usually called "ballot measures," that you can vote for on your [Maryland's elections website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Find your polling place through your [Maryland's elections website](#).
- **When can I vote?** Maryland does allow in-person early voting so you can vote between October 26th and November 2 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Maryland does not specifically allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need to bring any ID to your polling place.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Maryland. In fact, any voter in Maryland can vote by mail without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** The State Board of Elections sent most eligible voters a mail-in ballot application at the end of August with a postage paid return envelope. You can also request a ballot online through your [local elections office](#). Or you can submit your ballot in person at your local board of election. Click [here](#) to find your local board of election office.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is October 20th. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Maryland does have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities so you can complete a ballot electronically and then print it out. Make sure you get a signature or initials from anyone that helps you with your ballot.

- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. Someone assisting you will need to complete an affidavit on the ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot to your local board of elections office, an early voting location or you can mail it in. Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm on November 3rd, or postmarked on Nov 3rd and delivered by Nov 13th, so request your ballot today if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to provide an ID when [requesting a mail-in ballot](#).
- **Can I track if my ballot was counted?** Yes, you can track your ballot on [Maryland's election website](#).

5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:
 - Maryland Secretary of State**
Address: 16 Francis St. Annapolis, MD 21401
Phone: 410-974-5521
Website: <https://sos.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy](#) organization.
 - Disability Rights Maryland**
Address: 1500 Union Ave, Ste. 2000, Baltimore, MD 21211
Phone: 410-727-6352, Toll Free: 1-800-233-7201, TTY: 410-235-5387
Website: <https://disabilityrightsmd.org/>
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
 - [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)

- [Md State Board of Elections](#)

