



How to Vote in Washington

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](#) 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 10/26/2020, or you can register in-person on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Washington address and driver's license/permit/ID card, 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 says you cannot vote. Contact your [local Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your 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. Learn about policy changes on the ballot, called "ballot measures," on Washington's [election website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Washington mainly votes by mail, however every county does have to have at least one [voting center](#) open for those who do want to/need to vote in-person.
- **When can I vote?** Washington does allow in-person early voting so you can vote between 10/16/2020 and 11/2/2020 and avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Washington does not specifically allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible. Contact your [county elections department](#) for more information.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss or union agent) to assist you in completing your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to bring an [acceptable {photo} ID](#) to the polling place.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Washington. Washington has been permanently voting by mail since 2011 - it applies to all registered voters.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** Your state will automatically send you a mail ballot as long as you are registered to vote.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** You should automatically receive your ballot in the mail by 10/16/2020.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Washington does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you must complete a paper ballot.. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since signatures are checked against voter registration records. If the voter is unable to sign their name then the voter makes a mark in the signature area. Afterwards, two people witness the mark. An assistant may witness the mark along with one other person. The two witnesses to the voter's mark sign the envelope in the indicated area.

- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You are allowed to choose someone, except for your boss, to assist you with completing your ballot. See above for signature requirements.
- **How do I return my ballot?** Your ballot must either be postmarked no later than Election Day or returned to a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Fill out your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on Washington'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:
 - State Elections Division**
 - Address: 520 Union Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501
 - Phone: (360) 902-4180, (800) 448-4881
 - Email: elections@sos.wa.gov
 - Website: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>
- **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 Washington**
 - Address: 315 5th Ave SSuite 850, Seattle, WA 98104
 - Phone: 206-324-1521, 800-562-2702 (Toll Free)
 - Email: info@dr-wa.org
 - Website: <https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/>
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [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)
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)