



# HOW TO VOTE IN COLORADO

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022.



## 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 [vote411.org](https://vote411.org).
  - Online at Colorado's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
  - By downloading and mailing the Colorado [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 31, 2022, or register in person on Election Day.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a Colorado address and Colorado 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. 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 Colorado [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?** Most voters in Colorado vote by mail. Learn about voting by mail below. If you need help voting, or you want to vote in person, you can go to a voter service and polling center to vote. You can find your voter service and polling center through the Colorado election website. [Find your voter service and polling center](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Colorado allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. The Early Voting period is set by the voter service and polling center, but it generally starts on October 24, 2022 and ends on November 8, 2022. Contact your local election office for more information.
- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Colorado does not usually allow people to vote outside the voter service and polling

center if it is inaccessible. You can contact your elections office to see if they will make this accommodation.

- **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 service and polling center.
- **Do I need an ID?** Colorado requires voters to show ID when voting in person. [Learn about voter ID.](#)



## VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any voter in Colorado can vote by mail.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** If you are registered to vote, Colorado will automatically send you a mail ballot. You must register to vote by October 31, 2022.
- **Can I get an electronic absentee or vote by mail ballot?** Colorado allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic ballot that they can fill out electronically, print, and return. Voters who are blind, have low vision, or have a physical disability that makes it difficult to fill out a paper ballot can return their ballot electronically. [Request electronic ballot.](#)
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** If you are registered to vote, Colorado will automatically mail a ballot to you. You may request an electronic ballot from October 17, 2022 through November 8, 2022.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since Colorado requires this signature to match one of your past signatures.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You should be allowed to choose someone to help you with filling out your ballot. If you cannot

sign the ballot envelope by yourself, you can make a mark on the envelope and the person helping you can sign the envelope as a witness.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or deliver it to your county clerk's office or a drop box. Your ballot must be received by election officials by 7 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 Colorado.
- **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 Colorado election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



## MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Colorado [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 1-800-288-1376.
- **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)



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