



HOW TO VOTE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in 2023 Local Elections

Note: New Hampshire only has local elections in 2023. To find out if your city/town has an election in 2023, contact the [local election office](#).

There are lots of different words and phrases used in voting and elections. We explain some of these words and phrases in this guide. Other definitions and examples can be found in our [Voting Language Resource](#).

There are also phrases that might change based on where you live. For example, in this guide, we use the term "local election office." In some cities and towns, this office might have a different name. Your local election office might be called the county clerk, county election commission, board of elections, or something else. You can find that information by clicking on the links for each state that we have included in the guide.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?**
 - You can find out if you are already registered by visiting [vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org).
 - You can register to vote at your town hall before the voter registration deadline, or you can register to vote at the polling place on Election Day. If you are unable to register in person, call your town or city clerk and ask them to mail you a New

Hampshire voter registration form. This form is not available online. [Learn about voter registration in New Hampshire.](#)

- **When do I need to register?** You may register to vote in person on Election Day. If you would like to register before Election Day, your voter registration form must be received by the local election office 6 to 13 days before Election Day, depending on the election office. Contact the [local election office](#) for more information on their voter registration deadline.
- **Do I need an identification (ID) to register?**
 - You will need to have proof of your identity, such as a driver's license or non-driver state ID, birth certificate, passport, or other proof of citizenship. If you don't have this proof, you can sign a form called a Qualified Voter Affidavit to register to vote. An affidavit is a written statement. When someone signs an affidavit, they promise that they are telling the truth.
 - You will also need to prove that you live in New Hampshire. This is called "proof of domicile." New Hampshire has a list of documents that you can choose from as proof that you live in New Hampshire. [Learn about proof of domicile.](#) If you don't have one of these documents, you can sign a form called a Domicile Affidavit to register to vote.
- **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.
- **Can I vote if I have a guardian?** In this state, if you have a guardian, you can still vote. For help understanding your right to vote and guardianship, contact the 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. Some states take away your right to vote if you have gone to jail or prison. Learn

about voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also learn more from the [Campaign Legal Center](#) or [contact the local P&A](#).



LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you are voting for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as School Board members, City Council members, or State Representatives. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot. If you are voting by marking a paper ballot, and not using a voting machine, make sure to look at both sides of the ballot. Sometimes, your ballot has choices on both sides.
- **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. [Learn about ballot measures](#) on our resource page.
- **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 New Hampshire Department of State website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Do I need an ID to vote in person?** This state asks voters to show a photo ID to vote in person. If you don't have a photo ID, you can sign an affidavit to vote. An affidavit is a written statement. When someone

signs an affidavit, they promise that they are telling the truth. [Learn about voter ID.](#)

- **What if I need help with filling out my ballot?** You are allowed to have someone help you fill out your ballot.
- **Who can help me with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone you know to help you vote or ask for help from a poll worker at the polling place. Your boss cannot help you vote. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be your labor union representative. [Learn about labor unions](#) on our resource page.
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** This state does not allow voters to vote in person before Election Day. You will need to vote on Election Day if you are voting in person. If you will be away from home on Election Day, you can vote by absentee ballot. Learn about voting by absentee ballot below.
- **Can I vote outside of the polling place if it is inaccessible?** This state allows voters to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible. This is called curbside voting. Contact the [local election office](#) for more information about curbside voting.



VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** If you have a disability or you will be away from home on Election Day, you can vote by mail in this state. This is called absentee voting. (If a polling place is not accessible to people with disabilities, this is another way for you to vote.)
- **Do I need an ID to vote by absentee ballot?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by absentee ballot unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in New Hampshire. Federal elections happen in even-numbered years. [Learn about federal elections](#) on our resource page.

- **How do I request an absentee ballot?** You must request an absentee ballot through the local election office in person or by mail, fax, or email. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** This state allows some voters with disabilities to request an electronic absentee ballot. They must be blind, have low vision, have a physical disability, or have a learning disability that makes it difficult to read or mark a paper ballot. They can fill out the ballot electronically, print it, and return the ballot. Contact the [local election office](#) to find out if you can request an electronic ballot to vote in local elections in 2023.
- **What is the deadline for requesting my ballot?** This state does not have a deadline for requesting an absentee ballot. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive your ballot on time.
- **What if I need help with filling out my ballot?** You are allowed to have someone help you fill out your ballot. The person who helps you may need to complete a form called an affidavit to be returned with the ballot. An affidavit is a written statement. When someone signs an affidavit, they promise that they are telling the truth.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot envelope?** Follow the instructions on the envelope to sign your envelope when asked. This state requires this signature to match the signature on your voter registration form. If someone helped you vote, they must also sign the ballot envelope when asked.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or deliver it to the local election office. Your ballot must be received by 5 p.m. on Election Day.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have a family member return your ballot for you. This person is called a Delivery Agent. When they deliver your ballot to the polls, they must show a government-issued photo ID, have a clerk verify their identity, and fill out and sign a form.

- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the local election office has received it. You can do this on the New Hampshire Department of State website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more information on how to vote?** Check out the [New Hampshire Department of 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 the local P&A](#). If you need help, the phone number is 603-228-0432.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [America Votes: Local Election Office Directory](#)
 - [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](#)
 - [Campaign Legal Center: Restore Your Vote](#)
 - [VoteRiders: Voter ID Help](#)
 - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - Please note: the ASL Hotline is only available for November 2023 Elections
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)



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