

WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY?

There are other ways to vote when you cannot go in person on Election Day. In New Jersey, you are able to vote by mail. You can mail in your ballot with your vote. NJ also allows for in-person early voting.



ABOUT DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW JERSEY

Disability Rights New Jersey answers the calls of those in need, advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities in our statewide community. As New Jersey's designated Protection and Advocacy agency, it is our mission to preserve the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities, empowering equality through persistence, awareness, and expertise.

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OR (609) 292-9742

HOW DO I REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT?

To request a mail-in ballot, you must return a completed mail-in ballot application found here:

<https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml> by mail to your county clerk up to 7 days before the election or up to 3:00 pm in person the day before an election.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS ABOUT VOTING?

Contact our Voting Hotline:
(866) 493-0023

voterhotline@disabilityrightsnj.org

Voter Hotline is available 8am to 4pm
Monday to Friday
or from 6am to 8pm on Election Day



VOTING IN NEW JERSEY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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ADVANCING JUSTICE. ADVOCATING INCLUSION.

TOP REASONS YOU SHOULD VOTE!

- Disability is the least discussed area of diversity in politics.
- Vote to help pass laws to make life more accessible for all.
- People with disabilities need support and funding just as much, if not more than people without disabilities. Voting increases opportunities for more support and funding.
- Participating in elections will greatly affect policy changes within the disability community.
- Voting allows you to be seen and heard!



WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

You have the right to vote even if you have a mental, physical, or intellectual / developmental disability. You have the right to vote if you live in a psychiatric facility, developmental center, group home, or receive residential care. You are able to make up your own mind how you choose to vote.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

- 18 years of age
- United States Citizen
- Registered to vote
- Knowing the concept of voting/having the ability to make a choice
- You are not currently in prison for a conviction of an indictable offense



HOW DO I CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION?

You can go to: <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check> to find out if you are registered to vote. You will need to enter information about yourself and then click "check to confirm registration."

DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER IF I MOVE?

Yes - when you move and change addresses or change your name, you need to re-register with the current information.

DO I NEED IDENTIFICATION?

You will need to provide identification the first time you vote after you register showing that you live at the address you provided in your registration.

EXAMPLES OF IDENTIFICATION:

- Passport
- Student ID
- Driver's License
- Government-issued ID
- A document with your name and address such as:
 - A bank statement
 - A government check

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED WHEN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You will be asked what party you would like to be affiliated with, however you do not need to register with a party unless you wish to vote in a Primary Election. Some of the options are:

- Republican Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Independent (Unaffiliated)

CAN I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME TO VOTE?

Voters with a disability are able to bring a family member or a friend to assist at the polls on election day.



HOW DO I REQUEST AN ACCOMMODATION FOR VOTING?

Under federal law, you can request reasonable accommodations from the polling officials to assist you with voting. Accommodations can include such things as requesting an audio voting machine that can read the ballot to you, requesting to have an individual help you to vote, or requesting a chair to sit on while waiting in line to vote.

