



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

A Guide for New Americans

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE PRIVATELY.

No one, not your employer, your landlord, your neighbor, or any government agency should ask how you voted or pressure you to vote a certain way. Your ballot is secret. Always.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FREE FROM INTIMIDATION.

No one may threaten, pressure, or intimidate you at or near a polling place. If anyone makes you feel unsafe while voting, tell an election worker immediately or call **866-OUR-VOTE**.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE.

Federal law requires many polling places to provide help in your language. You can also bring a person of your choice to help you understand the ballot, with some exceptions (your employer or union representative generally cannot assist you). You can also call your county election office ahead of time to ask what languages are available.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

If your name is not on the voter list, do not leave. Ask for a **Provisional Ballot**: a ballot you cast when election officials cannot immediately confirm that you are eligible to vote in that precinct for that election. It will be counted once your eligibility is confirmed. You have the right to cast it regardless of the issue.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE YOUR TIME.

There is no rush. Take as long as you need to mark your ballot. No one can rush you or remove you from the voting booth while you are voting.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIX A MISTAKE.

If you make a mistake on your ballot before submitting it, tell an election worker right away. In most states you can request a new ballot and start over.

POLLING PLACES ARE PROTECTED SPACES.

Polling places, early voting sites, and voter registration events are protected locations. Your participation in the voting process cannot be used against you or any member of your family.

NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

More Resources: CWSglobal.org/Rise-Up/

Election Protection Hotline:

866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Free to call and available in multiple languages.

**ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOV 3RD, 2026**