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HOW CAN DISABILITY RIGHTS OHIO HELP ME IF I HAVE TROUBLE VOTING?

Voting can be confusing for many people, including people with disabilities. Some people with disabilities might need accommodations in order for them to be able to vote.

***Accommodations** means giving people with disabilities what they need to be able to vote like people without disabilities.*

For example, a person who is blind might need a special voting machine to read the ballot to them so they can vote. Some polling places may be in buildings that make it hard for people who have trouble walking to get into. In order to vote, poll workers may need to bring their ballots to them outside the building.

Some people think that people with disabilities are unable to vote just because they have a disability, but that is not true. It is important for people with disabilities to know their rights about voting because sometimes people who work at the polls may not understand their rights and make it harder for them to vote.

Disability Rights Ohio is here to help if you have trouble voting because of your disability. We can help with problems like:

- What to do if you need help to register to vote


*To **register** means you fill out a form (either online or on paper) for the Board of Elections telling them that you want to vote and giving them information everyone must give to vote.*

- What to do if you have trouble getting an absentee ballot

*An **absentee ballot** is one way to vote where, when you send an application for one, the board of election will mail the ballot to you and you can fill it out at home.*

- What to do if you are told you cannot vote because you have a guardian

Almost everyone who has a guardian can still vote. Only a probate court can take away this right, and this is rare. Also, your guardian cannot vote for you or tell you how to vote.



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- What to do if you can't get in the building where you vote
- What to do if you need someone to help you with your ballot at the voting booth
- What to do if you are told you cannot vote because you live in a nursing home, ICF, or other place where you live with other adults

You still have the right to vote, and there are options available to help you

- What to do if you or your child are in the hospital on Election Day and can't get out to the polls to vote

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Hopefully, you won't have any problems voting on Election Day. But if you do, Disability Rights Ohio's voter hotline is open each Election Day from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. Our number is 1-800-282-9181.

You can also call us anytime with questions you have about voting. Our normal intake line is open from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. We are working remotely, so leave us a voicemail and we will call you back.

Voting is an important right, and DRO is here to help you understand your rights. DRO also helps protect your right to vote through our work.

You can also find a lot of information on voting rights on DRO's website: www.disabilityrightsohio.org/voting

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