



We have the legal right of way.

WHAT KIND OF HELP CAN I GET WHEN I GO TO VOTE AT THE POLLS?

Your board of elections should make sure that every polling place is accessible for people with disabilities. This includes making sure there is :

- **Accessible parking**– this allows people with mobility impairments who cannot travel long distances to park close to the polling location
- **An accessible route to the entrance**–there should not be barriers for people with disabilities, including those who use a wheelchair, to stop them from getting to the entrance of the polling place

An **accessible entrance** makes sure people with disabilities can get into the building to vote and a clear route to get to the voting area

- **Accessible voting procedures and machines** that can be used by people with all kinds of disabilities, such as a voting machine that allows people who are blind to vote, or adjustable machines that allow someone with a physical disability to sit to cast their vote. Most polling locations should have at least one voting machine that has:
 - Audio ballots which read the ballot to you
 - Braille touch pads for people who read braille
 - Large print ballots for people with visual impairments
 - Height and tilt adjustments in order to allow people with physical disabilities to use the machines

If your polling location does not have something you need to vote, you should ask for an accommodation. For example, if you are unable to get into the building, they should offer you another way to vote such as offering to bring your ballot to you outside so you can vote from the car.

What if I need more help to complete the ballot?

If you need help in order to vote, there are several things you can do.

1. You can ask the Board of elections or your local poll workers for help at the polls. You should be provided help if you ask so long as your requests are reasonable and needed to help you vote.

For example, if you cannot sign your name or mark your ballot or if you need physical assistance because of your disability, you may ask for help from the people who work at your voting location. If you need help with your ballot, they should provide two people, one Democrat and one Republican election official to help you mark your ballot.

2. You can also bring someone you want to help you be able to vote. You may bring anyone to help you except your boss, someone your boss sent, someone from your union or a candidate for the election. This rule is in place to prevent your boss, your union or a candidate from pressuring you to vote in a certain way at the polls.

3. You can bring materials with you to help you remember who you want to vote for such as a sample ballot or your own notes to help you vote.

4. If you need to take a little longer to vote because of your disability, you have the right to take the extra time in order to complete your vote. While there may be a time limit for people to complete their voting, people with disabilities have no time limit. This could include problems reading quickly or having a hard time physically marking the ballot, etc.

5. Even if you need help, your vote is your own. No one should tell you how to vote !

6. Remember: You also do not have to accept help at the polls if someone offers you help. You have the right to refuse help and vote on your own.

DRO operates a voter hotline every Election Day from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you need help, call us at 614-466-7264 or 800-282-9181. 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.