

OCTOBER - EARLY NOVEMBER IS  
VOTING SEASON

# WE HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE

Every year, on the 1st Tuesday\* in November  
and for 10 days before\*\* we vote for who will  
run our government.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN TO VOTE  
MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE HAS A PLAN TO  
SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO NEED IT

\*IF THE 1ST TUESDAY FALLS ON NOVEMBER 1ST, THEN  
ELECTIONS HAPPEN ON THE 2ND TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER  
\*\*IN NEW YORK STATE VIA EARLY VOTING



## My Plan to Vote Checklist

Remember: **no one** has to know **who** you vote for.  
You can use this form to share with your support people or  
as a checklist for yourself.



I am **registered** to vote at my **current** address:  Yes  No

I would like help registering

To check, go to <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

To register, go to <https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html>

Or call your county board of elections

### My method (pick one):

**Mail in Absentee Ballot**

I have requested an absentee ballot

I need help requesting an absentee ballot

(to request a ballot go to <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/>  
or call your county board of elections)

I need to know how to fill out an absentee ballot

My ballot has been sent in or dropped off

**Early Voting at Any Polling Place in My County**

I will vote on this date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

It is on the staff calendar / transportation has been arranged

**On Election Day**

I have a ride or can walk/bike there

Time of day I will go: \_\_\_\_\_

If needed, I have a staff going with me

It is on the staff calendar / transportation has been arranged

**I need help learning about who I may vote for/candidates.**

(Websites: VoteSmart.org, Vote411.org, FactCheck.org or call your board of elections)

### After you vote: I had difficulty when I went to vote...

Staff could not take me/I could not get there

I had a problem at my polling place

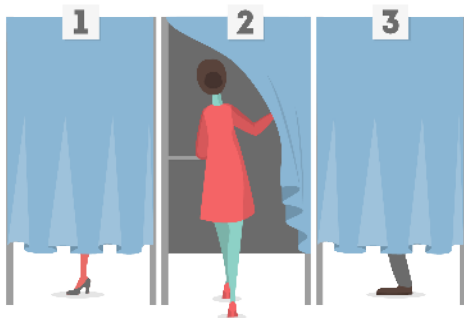
I had a problem with my absentee ballot

Contact DRNY PAVA 1-800-993-8982 to tell them about the problem

# YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS SUPPORT STAFF

People with disabilities have the right to vote. As their staff, you are responsible for supporting this right. You can help voters with disabilities in 3 easy steps, while keeping important considerations in mind.

- You must assist individuals with voter registration and getting to the polls even if you disagree with their candidate preference.
- It is illegal to coerce an individual to vote for a specific candidate. *NYS Election Law §17-154(1)*
- Only a judge can decide whether someone has the competency to vote. You cannot make that decision.
- A person can vote even if they have a guardian, unless a judge has specifically ordered that the individual is not competent to vote.



## Step 1: Voter Registration

Check voter registration status at [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](http://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov). Help register to vote at [elections.ny.gov/votingregister.html](http://elections.ny.gov/votingregister.html).

## Step 2: Learn About Candidates

Find factual information about candidates and issues at [VoteSmart.org](http://VoteSmart.org), [FactCheck.org](http://FactCheck.org), and [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

## Step 3: Voting Options

### Absentee Voting:

Voters may cast their ballot by mail using an absentee ballot . You can apply for an absentee ballot online at [absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov](http://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov). You can apply for an accessible absentee ballot which allows the ballot to be read on their computer and marked with personal assistive devices online at [absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible](http://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible).

### Early Voting:

Select polling places are open 10 days leading up to Election Day. Accessible voting equipment that can read and mark your ballot is available at all early polling places. You can locate the early polling places in your area by contacting your county board of elections office at [elections.ny.gov/countyboards.html](http://elections.ny.gov/countyboards.html).

### On Election Day:

Accessible voting equipment is available at all polling places. Identify polling location at [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](http://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov).

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