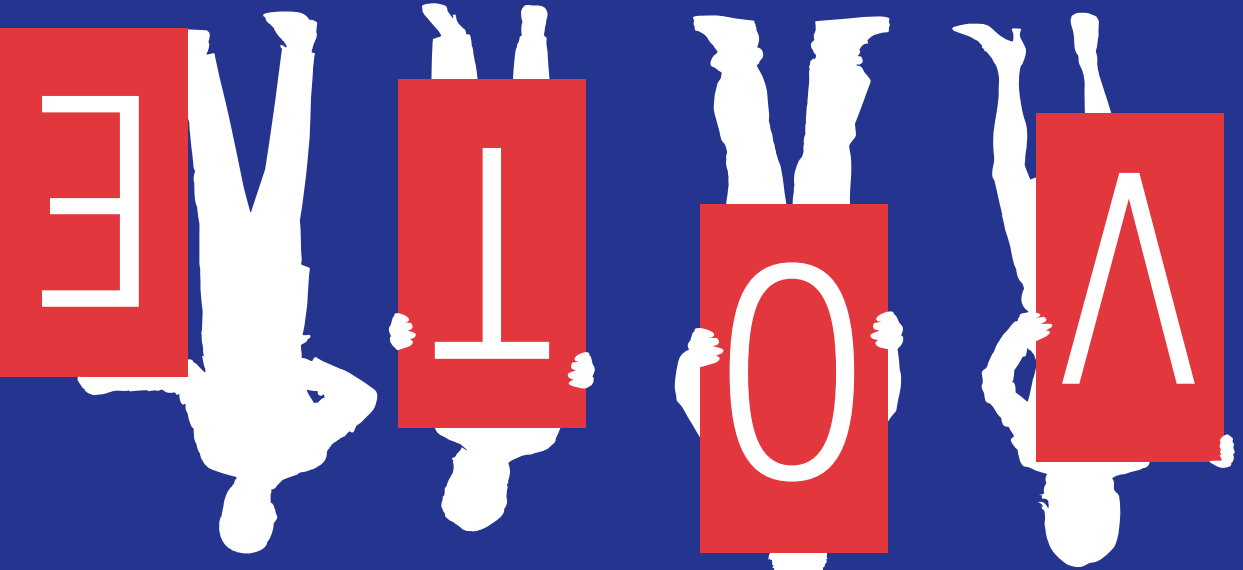


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a step by step guide to voting
and why you should vote on election day
League of women voters



YOUR ELECTION DAY RIGHTS

- If your name is not on the list of voters, you may be directed to another polling place or given a provisional ballot.
- Equal treatment regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender or disability.
- Privacy – you can't be forced to show how you voted.
- Assistance from poll workers if you request it.
- If you have a disability, access to a voting device you can use.
- Signs should be posted to assist you with voting machines, voters' rights and how to file a complaint.



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START BY REGISTERING

In most places, before you can vote the first time, you need to register. Each state has its own voter registration deadline. When you register, you sign up and tell the elections office your name, address and some other information. In eight states – Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming – you can vote without registering before Election Day. You can register at your local elections office. You may be asked to show a photo ID with proof of address so bring that along if you can. You can also register to vote at places like motor vehicle offices and public libraries. Or you can call up your local elections office and ask them to mail you a voter registration form. To get started online, go to www.VOTE411.org, a League of Women Voters site that helps you register anywhere in the U.S. Just make sure to fill out the form completely; then print, sign and mail it to the address given.

READY,
SET, VOTE!



IT'S EASY!



TAKE 5
TO VOTE!

#1 WHO CAN VOTE

If you are a U.S. citizen and you are at least 18 years old, you can vote.

#2 WHAT YOU'LL VOTE ON

Most likely, you'll have several choices to make when you vote. For example, you may vote for President and Vice President of the United States, members of Congress, governor, mayor and school board. You may also be asked to vote on other things, like money for schools or roads, and whether you approve of certain laws.

#3 WHEN TO VOTE

General elections, when we vote for President and members of Congress, come in November of even-numbered years. Election Day is the Tuesday between November 2 and November 8.

State and local elections may be held at other times as well. Primary elections, in which voters choose which candidate they want to represent their party, usually take place several months before general elections.

#4 WHERE TO VOTE

You should get a card or letter after you register, telling you where you vote (usually a nearby public building). Hold on to it. It's a handy reminder for Election Day.

#5 WHY VOTE

The leaders you elect – for example, members of Congress – make decisions that affect you – your job, your health care, your energy costs, your security, and more. Voting is your chance to choose the decision makers and tell them what you want.

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Need to register to vote?
Want to be a poll worker?

Need an absentee ballot?
Want to learn what's on your ballot?

Need to find out where to vote?
Want to learn about your voting machines?

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AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED THIS ELECTION YEAR!

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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

HEALTH CARE

SECURITY

EDUCATION

ELECTION DAY

- **Make sure you know where you vote.** If you don't, visit VOTE411.org or contact your local board of elections. It's best to go vote during off hours: 10:00-11:30am and 1:30-3:00pm or allow some time for voting, since there may be lines.
- **You'll be asked to check in.** Bring identification and proof of address with you. If you registered by mail, the first time you vote you must bring a photo ID, or a utility bill or a paycheck that shows your name and address.

If you go to your polling place, you must be allowed to vote. You cannot be turned away. If for some reason they don't have you listed as a registered voter, you can still vote with a *provisional ballot*.
- **There are various kinds of voting devices.** You may vote by filling out a form with pencil or touching a computer screen. If you have problems, you can ask for help. Check your ballot to make sure you've voted the way you wanted to vote. Then cast your ballot by handing in your ballot or touching the screen that says you're done.



TAKE A FRIEND
TO VOTE!