

# Feeling Scared to Vote?



## As a Minnesota Voter, you have protections. And options!

- ✓ Vote by Mail.
- ✓ Vote Early.
- ✓ Bring Someone to Assist You to the Polls.

## You Have Protections as a Voter

You have the right to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, and a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.

- **You can vote by mail** if you are concerned about voting in person. Apply early and track your ballot! Check the Secretary of State's office for receipt of your vote.
- **You have the right to vote free from intimidation.** No one, including an election official, poll watcher, or other voter, has the right to intimidate or threaten you at the polls.
- **You can bring someone to assist you** to the polls and even into the voting booth, as long as they are not your employer or union representative.
- **You can vote before the election** with an absentee ballot at your local elections office.
- **You can register to vote on Election Day** at your polling place. You will need proof of residence **or—if you do not have the required documentation**—have someone who is already a voter in the precinct come with you to the polling place and vouch that you live in the district.

*Don't let fear or confusion stop you from casting your ballot on the issues you care about:*

- \* Access to healthcare.
- \* Rising energy costs for fossil fuels.
- \* Protecting the air, water, environment, **and each other.**

**Questions? Contact the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office:**

**Call: 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) // Text: 651-217-3862 // Visit: [sos.mn.gov/elections-voting](https://sos.mn.gov/elections-voting)**

# What to Do If You Encounter Issues

If you experience any trouble, have questions, or see something that concerns you at the polls, you have resources available for immediate help.

| Issue                                                             | How You Can Take Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contact Information                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Experiencing trouble voting or have a question about the process? | For immediate assistance, call the Secretary of State's Voter Protection Hotline or the non-partisan Election Protection Coalition.                                                                                                             | <b>Secretary of State Office</b><br><b>Call:</b> 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)<br><b>Text:</b> 651-217-3862<br><b>Election Protection Coalition</b><br><b>Hotline:</b> 866-OUR-VOTE                                           |
| Encountering intimidation?                                        | Report it immediately to the Sect. of State's Office or the Election Protection Hotline. Election officials will get ahold of the county.<br><br>Call COPAL's Helpline if you see ICE activity or have been directly impacted and need support. | <b>Secretary of State Office</b><br><b>Call:</b> 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)<br><b>Text:</b> 651-217-3862<br><b>Election Protection Coalition</b><br><b>Hotline:</b> 866-OUR-VOTE<br><b>COPAL ICE Hotline:</b> 612-255-3112 |
| Need to verify your ballot status or find your polling place?     | Use the official Secretary of State websites.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b><u><a href="https://myballotmn.sos.mn.gov">myballotmn.sos.mn.gov</a></u></b><br>or <b><u><a href="https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov">pollfinder.sos.mn.gov</a></u></b>                                                 |



## Want to do more to ensure fair elections?

- **Become an Election Judge:** As an election judge you can see how it all works behind the scenes and help your neighbors feel safe to vote.
- **Train to be a Legal Observer:** Plug into trainings hosted by other institutions, such as the Immigrant Defense Network or Unidos (MONARCA), to know what to do in case of federal intimidation.
- **Share this “Feeling Scared to Vote?” info** with neighbors & community members.

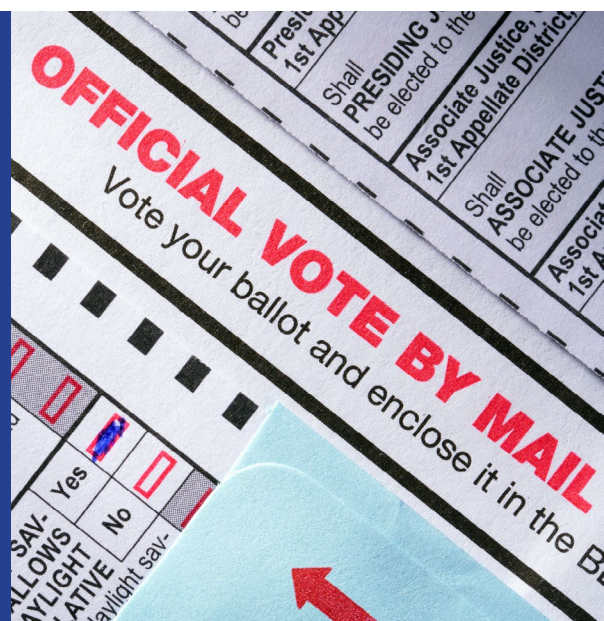
## Questions About Mail-in Voting?

**The current administration says they're going to ban mail-in voting? They can't in Minnesota.** Don't let confusion stop you from protecting the prairie or voting your voice.

State law governs elections, which means federal officials cannot unilaterally ban mail-in voting in Minnesota.

### What can you do to ensure your vote is counted?

- **Vote early or make your voting plan early.**
- **Check the Secretary of State's office for receipt of your vote** after you've mailed it in.



*This is not legal advice. If you have questions, please refer to the official MN Secretary of State website.*

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