

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS ON ELECTION DAY

ON NOVEMBER 3RD, transgender and non-binary people will join tens of millions across the country to cast their vote. The Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) has prepared this two-pager for transgender and non-binary people when voting on Election Day.

- If you have already requested a mail-in ballot, most states allow you to drop it off without waiting in line to vote. Make sure your state allows you to drop off a mail-in ballot by visiting: 866ourvote.org/states.
- If you're not yet registered to vote, many states allow you to register on the spot even as late as Election Day. Make sure your state allows for same-day voter registration by visiting: 866ourvote.org/states.
- Many transgender and non-binary people are concerned about showing ID at the polls on Election Day. In most states, you're not required to show ID. Confirm what ID is required to vote in your state by visiting: 866ourvote.org/states.
- Even if you are required to show ID at the poll site, it does not matter if your photo is old and doesn't look like you now. In some states, your ID doesn't even need your photo. Just be sure that the address and name on your ID are both the same as the name and address you are registered under.
- If you have legally changed your name but have not yet updated your voter registration (or your ID, if required in your state), bring an official copy of the court order changing your name. Just make sure to update your registration if you have not done so.
- Poll workers should not question your ability to vote because your personal appearance does not conform to the stereotypes associated with your legal name or gender marker listed on your ID.
- In the rare instance your ID, gender marker, and/or personal appearance are questioned by a poll worker, calmly but firmly state that it's your right to vote and you'd like to vote. It is illegal for a poll worker to prevent you from voting. If a poll worker does challenge your right to vote, simply ask for their name and title and write them both down. Then say again, calmly but firmly that you're going to vote today.
- If you are concerned your identity might be questioned, you can bring along another document, like a utility bill or pay stub, that clearly states your name and address.
- If for any reason you are not given a ballot at your polling site but know that you are registered to vote, simply ask for a "provisional ballot." This is usually a ballot that you sign under oath, stating that you are registered to vote.
- Protests, direct actions, or other kinds of disturbances outside of polling places are rare. Most states legally require canvassers, protesters, and others to keep a minimum distance from poll sites. If anyone is making it difficult for you to either enter your poll site or even preventing you from parking your vehicle at one, call the non-partisan National Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE and ask for help.
- **You can bring a friend or (chosen) family member to the polls with you on Election Day.**

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND EMPOWERED ON ELECTION DAY.

- Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection – [State Fact Sheets on Voter Intimidation Laws](#)
- Lambda Legal - [Voting Guide for TGNC People](#)
- National Center for Transgender Equality Action Fund – [Transform the Vote](#)

AND FINALLY...

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HAVE YOU BEEN CHALLENGED OR LEFT FEELING UNCOMFORTABLE BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO EITHER REGISTER TO VOTE OR TO CAST YOUR BALLOT?

If so, the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund would like to hear from you and to ensure other transgender and non-binary people do not encounter the same experience when voting in the future. Please contact us by visiting [TLDEF.org/vote](https://tldef.org/vote). It may take a few days to get back to you, so if it's Election Day and you are still trying to vote, call **1-866-OUR-VOTE** so they can help ensure you can cast your ballot. You can still contact us to report voter discrimination after Election Day.

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