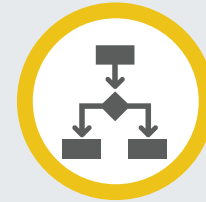


California Election Security Safeguards



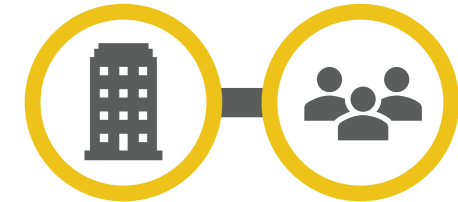
SECURE TECHNOLOGY

- County voting systems are not connected to the internet
- Strong security techniques are practiced regularly
- Routine threat monitoring and vulnerability scanning in collaboration with our state and federal partners
- Rigorous voting system testing and certification performed by the California Secretary of State
- Only authorized elections staff have access to systems relevant to their role



SECURE PROCESSES

- VoteCal is a centralized statewide voter registration database. VoteCal checks against official records and is regularly updated
- Ballots and election technology must adhere to strict chain-of-custody procedures
- Paper ballots for all registered voters are available
- Post-election audits are performed by elections officials
- Signatures are verified on all vote-by-mail ballot envelopes
- Emergency planning for fire, flood, cyber incidents, and more



SECURE FACILITIES AND PEOPLE

- Physical access control and security of locations
- Security and accessibility assessments completed for all locations
- Ballot drop boxes are secured and monitored
- Election processes open to observation during specific hours of operation
- Phishing and cybersecurity training provided for all staff

