



CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

Voters with Medical Emergencies Fact Sheet

for Persons with Medical Emergencies on or Before Election Day

All voters have the right to safely vote in the November 5, 2024, General Election. Here's what you can do to ensure you can exercise your right to vote if you have been, or are likely to be, unable to leave home, in the hospital, or are in a care facility on Election Day due to a medical emergency:

Contact your local county elections office.

You have the right to receive and cast your ballot by Election Day. Call your **local county elections office** to see what options are available for you. County elections offices will be able to provide you with a replacement ballot and many may be able to deliver a ballot to you. Ask your healthcare provider for help. Many health care facilities have staff who can help get a ballot delivered to you.

I need help filling out my ballot. Who can help me?

You have the right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

It's Election Day. I didn't receive my ballot in the mail and I cannot leave my home, or am hospitalized or in a care facility due to a medical emergency. How can I vote?

You have the right to cast a ballot on Election Day. Call your **local county elections office**. Many offices have teams that visit healthcare facilities to make sure you can vote on Election Day.

If you cannot reach your county elections office and are registered to vote, you can request another ballot. You can fill out a form to authorize someone (your representative) to go to your local county elections office to pick up a ballot for you. Some hospitals may have volunteers who may be able to help you get a ballot.

1. Fill out and print the **[Application to Provide Vote-By-Mail Ballot to Representative](#)** on our website.
2. Your representative must return this form to your local county elections office and pick up your ballot.
3. Once you complete the ballot, sign and date the return envelope.
4. The person returning your ballot must also sign their name on the appropriate space on the envelope.
5. Either you or your representative must mail or return your voted ballot to a voting location, drop box, or to your local county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Call your **[local county elections office](#)** to learn more about getting a ballot if you are experiencing a medical emergency.



County or State Voter Information Guide

If you lost your county voter information guide, most counties have an online version on their website. Voting locations will also have copies of the county information guide. The Secretary of State's online voter information guide can be found at **voterguide.sos.ca.gov**.

For more information, visit **vote.ca.gov** or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



Helpful Resources

County Elections Offices Contact Information

sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices

California Secretary of State Voter Hotline

For answers to your questions about voting and elections, please call one of the toll-free voter hotlines listed below:

(800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English

(800) 232-VOTA (8682) - Español / Spanish

(800) 339-2857 - 中文 / Chinese

(888) 345-2692 - हिन्दी / Hindi

(800) 339-2865 - 日本語 / Japanese

(888) 345-4917 - ខ្មែរ / Khmer

(866) 575-1558 - 한국어 / Korean

(800) 339-2957 - Tagalog

(855) 345-3933 - ภาษาไทย / Thai

(800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese

711 - TTY/TDD

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