

Voters with Medical Emergencies Fact Sheet

For Persons with Medical Emergencies on or Before Election Day

All voters have the right to safely vote even if they are experiencing a medical emergency. Here's what you can do to ensure you can exercise your right to vote if you are unable to leave home, in the hospital, or in a care

All voters have the right to safely vote in the in the upcoming election. Here's how you can exercise your right to vote if you have been or are likely to be unable to leave home, are in the hospital, or in a care facility on Election Day due to a medical emergency:

Ask for Help - 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 some will deliver a ballot to you. Ask your healthcare provider for help. **Some** 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?

Anyone you choose, except your employer or union representative, can help you read, mark and return your ballot.

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

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

You have the right to receive a ballot and return it by 8pm on Election Day. Call your **local county elections office** listed below. **Several** 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. **If it is less than seven (7) days before Election Day, the**

county elections office may not be able to mail you a replacement ballot in time for you to complete the ballot and return it to the county elections office by 8pm on Election Day. However, you can fill out a form to authorize someone (your designee) 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.

You should follow these steps:

1. Fill out and print the **late vote-by-mail application form** on our website.
2. If you do not have access to a computer and printer, you can write a statement saying that you cannot vote in person because you are unable to leave your home, are hospitalized, or in a care facility due to a medical emergency and need a ballot. Sign this request, or if you are unable to sign, someone can help you sign with an “x.” The person picking up your ballot must also write “witnessed by” and sign their name.
3. Your designee must return this form to your local county elections office and pick up your ballot.
4. Once you complete the ballot, sign and date the return envelope.
5. The person returning your ballot must also sign their name on the appropriate space on the envelope.
6. Either you or your designee must mail your voted ballot to the county elections office postmarked by 8:00p.m., 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.

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 **Vote.ca.gov**.

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

Helpful Resources

County Election Office Information.

All Elections Offices by county can be found at:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices>

Disability Rights California's (DRC) publication titled "How Can I Vote if I Cannot Vote in Person Because of a Medical Emergency?" can be found at: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/how-can-i-vote-if-i-cannot-vote-in-person-because-of-a-medical-emergency>.

DRC's year-round Voting Hotline: (888) 569-7755

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 - हि नद ी / 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

(800) 833-8683 - TTY/TDD

For More Information, visit www.Vote.CA.Gov or call our Election Hotline at

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