

# Know Your Rights

## Vote by Mail

### Dates and Deadlines

**General Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

Requests for mail-in or absentee ballot must be received by **5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**

Completed mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by the county by **8 p.m. on Election Day, November 7, 2023.** (Postmarked date does not qualify.)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Who is allowed to vote by mail?

All registered voters may apply to vote by mail regardless of whether they are able to vote in person.

#### How can I request an absentee or mail-in ballot?

You can apply for your mail-in ballot online, by filling out a form and mailing it to your county, or by applying in person at your county voter services office or other designated location.

#### What if I don't receive my ballot or I lose it?

If you suspect your ballot is lost in the mail, or if you lose it in the house, you can call your county election office and request a replacement. Look for your county's election office online or call 877-VOTESPA to be connected.

#### What should I do if my request for a mail-in ballot is rejected?

If you get a notice that your request was denied, call 866-OUR-VOTE, the nonpartisan voter hotline.

#### How do I return my ballot?

You can drop your ballot in a mailbox or ballot dropbox or by personally delivering the ballot to your county's board of elections office. **Note that you may only deliver your own ballot** and you should make sure you have ID with you, just in case.



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### **Can I return anyone else's ballot?**

No. Pennsylvania law does not permit you to deliver someone else's ballot. However, voters with disabilities can designate someone else to return their ballot for them.

### **Can I check if my ballot was received?**

Yes. You can check the status of your ballot here:

[www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx)

### **What is a "naked" ballot?**

Ballots that are submitted without the secrecy envelope are called "naked" ballots. Pennsylvania will not count naked mail-in ballots, so be sure to seal your completed ballot inside the blank secrecy envelope printed with the words "Official Election Ballot" before sealing it in the mailing envelope.

### **What if I change my mind and want to vote in person on Election Day?**

As long as you have not returned your ballot, you may vote in person. Bring your ballot and the return envelope to your polling place on Election Day. Poll workers will cancel it, and you can vote in person. (You must bring the entire mail-in ballot package, including the envelope with your name on it.) If you don't have your ballot, you will have to vote on a provisional ballot.

**For questions or assistance related to voting, whether before or on Election Day, contact the nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline at:**  
**866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**

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