

Know your rights at the polls

New Yorkers have the right to cast their ballots free from threats, harassment, or interference.

Not allowed at polling places:

- Troops or armed federal agents, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Firearms or threats with weapons
- Armed groups or private militias
- Campaigning within 100 feet of the entrance

Voters with disabilities:

Voters with disabilities have the right to reasonable accommodations, including assistive devices, help in the booth, and accessible mail ballots.

Poll watchers and federal monitors can observe. They cannot:

- Ask for your ID or proof of citizenship
- Follow you to the voting booth or ballot scanner
- Block you from voting
- Campaign or hand out political materials

More voting resources

ag.ny.gov/voter-resources



See something wrong? Report it.

Office of the New York Attorney General
Election Protection Hotline

Open October 24 - November 4

1-866-390-2992

electionhotline.ag.ny.gov



As a voter, you have the right to:

- Vote without a photo ID.** New York never requires photo ID to vote.
- Say no to ID or citizenship demands** from non-official sources. Poll watchers and observers cannot ask for your ID or proof of citizenship.
- Vote in private.** No one may stand within three feet of you while you vote or ask to see your completed ballot.
- Cast an affidavit ballot** if your name is not on the voter list.
- Stay in line.** If you are in line when polls close, you can still vote.
- Get help voting.** You can bring someone to help you, including in the booth.
- Vote with a criminal record.** If you are on parole or probation, or have been released from prison, you can vote. You may need to re-register.

October – November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Last day to register Last day to request absentee or early mail ballot online First day of early voting
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Early voting						
1 Last day of early voting	2 Last day to request absentee or early mail ballot from local BOE	3 Election Day 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Last day for absentee or early mail ballot to be postmarked	4	5	6	7

