



## Your Rights When Voting in Person

### Can I Vote?

You must be registered to vote. You can check on the NC State Board of Elections website at [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov) to [see if you are registered](#) and to get a [voter registration form](#) if you are not.

You can register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You will be 18 years old or older on an election day; and
- You have been a resident of the county where you are registering for at least 30 days before the election.

You are eligible to vote **even if you have a legal guardian.**

If you have been convicted of a felony, you are eligible to vote if you have served your time, including probation or parole. However, you will have to register to vote again.

### Where and When Do I Vote?

You can vote in person at a polling site. You can vote early or on Election Day. Because there are only local elections in 2017, people vote for different kinds of positions on different days. Here are the kinds of elections that may be happening in your county:

- **September 12:** Partisan primaries
- **October 10:** Partisan primary runoffs and non-partisan primaries or elections
- **November 7:** Partisan and non-partisan elections or runoffs

Contact your county board of elections to find out which local elections are happening and when. They can also tell you about Early Voting times and locations. You can find the contact information for your county board of elections at [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov).

On Election Day, the polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. You must be allowed to vote if you are in line when the polls close. Find your Election Day voting site and see pictures of it at [ncsbe.gov](http://ncsbe.gov).

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## **Curbside Voting**

Curbside voting (voting from a car) is available at every voting site, including Early Voting sites. You can vote curbside if you cannot vote inside without assistance due to age or physical disability. Being unable to stand or wait in line is a valid reason. You don't have to "try and fail" at voting inside before you are allowed to vote curbside.

## **Voting with Assistance**

You can always have a near-relative help you vote. A "near-relative" is a spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.

When voting at a polling site, almost any person you choose can help you (including poll workers and people who are not your near-relatives) if:

- You have a physical or visual disability and are unable to enter the voting booth or mark the ballot without assistance; or
- You are unable to read without assistance.

There are certain people who cannot help you vote. You cannot get assistance from your employer, an agent of your employer, or an agent of any union to which you belong. A poll worker cannot force you to accept assistance from someone you do not choose. You are allowed to communicate with poll workers non-verbally, in writing, or with assistance.

**If you think your voting rights have been violated**, contact Election Protection at 866-687-8683, or Disability Rights North Carolina at 877-235-4210 or 888-268-5535 for TTY.

Have more questions? Visit [accessthevote.nc.org](http://accessthevote.nc.org) to learn more.

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Contact us for assistance or to request this information in an alternate format.

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