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Voting Basics: What You Need to Know

In order to vote, you must be:

- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ 18 years old or older
- ✓ A resident of Wisconsin
- ✓ A registered voter

Voting at the Polls

You can **register to vote on Election Day** at your polling place if you have lived at your current address for more than 10 days. Be sure to bring proof of residence with your current address such as your driver's license or phone or utility bill, or residential lease (*same for if you've changed your name or moved*).

If your name does not appear on the voter list at your polling place, you must complete a voter registration application before you will be allowed to vote.

Additional rules from the Federal Government:

- If you are registering to vote you must supply your Wisconsin Department of Transportation - issued driver's license number.
- If you have not been issued a Wisconsin driver's license, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number OR your Wisconsin ID card number.
- If you have a driver's license but do not know the number and did not bring it to the polling place, poll workers should allow you to vote by provisional ballot

Proof of residence can include a driver's license, Wisconsin ID card, residential lease, a real estate tax bill, a cable TV, gas, electric, telephone or other utility service statement (for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day), a bank statement, a current paycheck, or check or other document issued by a governmental unit.

Voting Absentee Ballot. If you can't make it to the polls on November 4th, download the **Application For Absentee Ballot (EB-121)** from <http://elections.state.wi.us/>. Complete the form and mail it to your municipal clerk's office. The application must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

The completed ballot must be received by the municipal clerk no later than the day of the election so that it can be delivered to the polling location by 8 p.m.

YOU CAN TAKE THIS GUIDE WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE.



Mark Your Calendar & Get Out to Vote!

Tuesday, November 4th ELECTION DAY

- Polls are open from 7a.m. – 8p.m.
- To find your polling place call your local City or Municipal Clerk's office.
- Absentee ballots must be received by the municipal clerk no later than the day of the election so they can be delivered to the polling location by 8pm.

Your Vote Counts!

Did You Know...

- In 2000 the presidential election was decided by only 537 votes.
- That only 59.6% of the voting age population in the United States voted in 2004.

State and Federal policies have a huge impact on the issues women care about, yet, women are the largest group of non-voters in the democratic process. Women, 18 to 24 years old in particular, vote less than any other age group.

It's time to change these numbers!



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To find out who's running for office in your area, visit:

www.wisconsinvote.org/candidates.cfm

Learn more!

Visit these helpful online resources:

WI State Election Board	http://elections.state.wi.us/
Wisconsin Vote	www.wisconsinvote.org
WI League of Women Voters	www.lwvwi.org
We the People Wisconsin	www.wtpeople.com
Project Vote Smart	www.vote-smart.org
On The Issues	www.ontheissues.org
Women's Voices. Women Vote.	www.wvwi.org

Definitions

ABSENTEE VOTING: A way of voting that allows the voter to receive their ballot in the mail before the election.

CANDIDATE: A person who seeks to be elected for an office.

INCUMBENT: The person who already holds the office.

NONPARTISAN: Free from political party association or bias.

POLL WORKER: A person whose job is to assist voters at the polls.

POLLING PLACE/POLLS: The place you go to vote.

PROVISIONAL BALLOT: A temporary ballot used for special circumstances. For example, you would vote on a provisional ballot if you vote at a precinct other than your assigned one; if your name does not appear on the list of voters, but you are registered to vote; or if you are an absentee voter, but decide to go to the polls to vote.

VOTER: A person who expresses choice for a candidate through the process of ballot.

Wisconsin Voters' Bill of Rights – Your Health, Your Rights, Your Vote!

1. On Election Day in cities with more than 10,000 residents, if you are in line between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** Wis. Stat. §§6.78 and 62.05 (2003)
2. If your name is on the list of registered voters **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** without providing proof of your identity or residence. §§ 6.47(2)-(3), 6.79(2)
3. If you have not registered to vote or if you did register, but your name is not on the registration list **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** at that polling place if you are at the correct location after (i) signing a certification form and (ii) providing written proof of your residence or having another voter verify your residence. §§ 6.29(2)(a), 6.54, 6.55(2)(a)-(c), 6.55(3), and 6.55(7)
4. If you cannot read, you have difficulty understanding English, or you are blind or otherwise physically disabled, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to receive assistance when voting from anyone except your employer or an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. § 6.82
5. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request a paper ballot if you cannot use the voting machine due to your disability. § 6.82(3)
6. If you are elderly or handicapped, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to a polling place that is accessible to you. If your polling place is not accessible, your local election officials can reassign you to one that is accessible. §§ 5.25(4)(a) and 5.25(5)(b)
7. If you have moved to Wisconsin within 10 days of the Presidential Election and are otherwise qualified to vote, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** for president and vice-president even if you were not registered in the state from which you moved. § 6.15
8. If you have moved between wards or municipalities at least 10 days before the election, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** in your new ward or municipality. §§ 6.02(2), 6.10(3), 6.40(1), and 6.55(2)
9. If you moved within 10 days of the election you cannot vote in your new ward or municipality but **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** in your old ward or municipality. §§ 6.02(2) and 6.10(3)
10. If you make a mistake or "spoil" your ballot, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request a replacement ballot from election officials. You may receive up to three replacement ballots. § 6.80(2)(c)
11. If you have been convicted of a felony, but are no longer required to report to a probation or parole officer, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** §§ 6.03(1)(b) and 304.078
12. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to take time off from work to vote, but no more than three successive hours, as long as you give notice before election day. Your employer may set the time of day. § 6.76
13. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to bring your minor child or minor ward into the voting booth with you. § 6.80(1)
14. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to bring an unofficial sample ballot into the voting booth with you. § 6.80(2)(a)
15. When you are within 100 feet of the entrance to a building containing a polling place, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WAIT TO VOTE (OR VOTE)** without anyone electioneering or trying to influence your vote. §§ 12.03 and 6.82(4)

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