

WHO CAN VOTE

Can I vote in Wyoming?

- You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Wyoming.

What if I'm a student?

- You can register to vote at your school address or your home address, whichever you consider your primary legal residence.

What if I've been convicted of a crime?

- Wyoming residents with a felony conviction are not eligible to vote unless you have had your voting rights restored.
- If you have a nonviolent felony conviction and completed your sentence on or after January 1, 2016, your right to vote will automatically be restored 5 years after completion of your sentence.
- If you completed your sentence prior to January 1, 2016, you must apply for restoration of the right to vote.
- You must also re-register to vote after serving your sentence.
- For more information on submitting your application for restoration of voting rights, call 307-777-6341 or visit <http://corrections.wy.gov/info-for-offenders/restoration.html>.

What if I'm homeless?

- You don't need a home to register, but you must identify a place of residence (which can be a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place where you usually stay). You must also provide a mailing address, such as a shelter or advocacy organization, at which you can receive mail.

What if I've moved or changed my name?

- You should update your registration every time you move or change your name.
- If you moved or changed addresses within the same county, you should update your voter information with your county clerk's office prior to the election. If you have not done so you will be required to update your information at your polling place before voting.
- If you moved or changed addresses in a different county, you will need to re-register at your polling place before voting.

How do I know if I'm registered?

- You can confirm your voter registration by calling your county clerk's office.
<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf>

REGISTRATION

How do I register?

- Voter registration forms are available at <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/RegisteringToVote.aspx>

- There are three ways to register to vote in Wyoming:
 1. Register in person at your county clerk's office.
 2. Register by mail: Print the Voter Registration Form, fill out the form, sign it, and then submit it to your county auditor. Your voter registration form with an original signature must be received by the auditor two weeks before any election if you wish to vote in that election.
 3. Register at the polls on Election Day.

What's the registration deadline?

- You must be registered to vote 14 days prior to any election you wish to vote in. This year's general election date is November 8, 2016. The deadline to register to vote is October 24, 2016.

What if I miss the deadline?

- If you miss the October 24 deadline to register by mail, you can register at the polls on Election Day.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

When is Election Day?

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

When are the polls open?

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You have the right to vote if you're in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.

Can I get time off from work to vote?

- Maybe. If your work schedule would make it practically impossible for you to vote in-person while the polls are open (from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.), your employer is required to give you time off to vote, without penalty or deduction in your wages. You should ask your employer for time off before Election Day. Your employer has the right to specify which hours you get to take.

Where do I vote?

- On election day, you must vote at your assigned polling place.
- You can visit the Secretary of State's polling place locator to find out where to vote:
<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PollPlace/Default.aspx>

What if I am disabled and my polling place is not accessible?

- Call your county clerk right away and ask for accommodation or reassignment to an accessible polling place. All polling places are required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- If you feel you cannot vote on the day of the election, fill out an absentee ballot application and mail it to your county clerk as soon as possible.

What if I need help in the voting booth?

- If you need help because of a physical disability or because you have difficulty reading or writing in English, tell a poll worker when you get to the polling place.
- If you need instructions on how to use the voting equipment, ask a poll worker for help. Poll workers are required to help you at any time you ask – even after you have entered the voting booth.

VOTER ID

Do I have to show ID?

- Wyoming does not require photo ID for the purpose of voting. However, if you registered to vote by mail and are voting in a federal election for the first time, you must show a photo ID or another document that has both your name and residential address such as a current utility bill, a bank statement, or a paycheck.

- We know there have been some issues and concerns about naturalized citizens not being allowed to vote because of unconfirmed citizenship status. **If you run into issues with this on Election Day, let us know by calling (307) 314-2258 and leave us a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.**

What if I don't have any ID?

- If you're already registered, you don't need to show ID to vote.
- If you are registering to vote on Election Day, you must bring one of the following forms of identification:

1. Wyoming driver's license
2. Different state or US territory driver's license
3. State or federally issued ID card
4. US Passport
5. Photo ID card issued by the University of Wyoming, a Wyoming Community College, or a Wyoming Public School
6. US Military ID
7. ID card issued to a dependent of a member of the US Armed Forces
8. An ID card issued by the governing body of the Eastern Shoshone tribe of Wyoming or Northern Arapahoe tribe of Wyoming

The American Civil Liberties Union of Wyoming is monitoring whether there are any barriers to voting for those eligible to vote. Accordingly, we encourage you to let us know of any voting changes that negatively impact your community. Potentially discriminatory voting changes include: changing polling hours and locations, reducing the number of polling places in your county, changing or eliminating early voting. To file a complaint, please visit <https://www.aclu-wy.org/en/get-help>.

PROBLEMS AT THE POLLS

What if someone tries to intimidate or harass me?

- Tell a poll worker. If a poll worker is a problem, tell a poll watcher, call your county clerk, or call the Secretary of State.

What if I'm not on the voter list?

- Ask a poll worker to check the list again and to confirm you are at the right polling place. Show your registrations card or sample ballot if you have it, or offer to spell your name. If you still believe you are registered to vote and are in the correct polling place, you may cast a vote using a provisional ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

- A provisional ballot is used to record a vote when there are questions about a given voter's eligibility.

Will my provisional ballot be counted?

- When you cast a provisional ballot, you will be sent a notice within 13 days whether you ballot was counted or not counted. If the ballot was not counted, you will be told of the reason.

What if I go to the wrong polling place?

- Ask a poll worker to help you find the polling place where you are registered so you can go to the right polling place. You can also call your county clerk or look up your polling place at:
<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PollPlace/Default.aspx>

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

- If you make a mistake you can return your ballot to the poll workers and they will give you a new one.

How do I make a complaint?

- First, ask for the chairman of the election board at your polling place. There may be poll watchers near your polling place who might be able to assist you. You can also call you county clerk or file a complaint with the Wyoming Secretary of State:
<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Forms/Elections/General/Complaint.pdf>.

- The American Civil Liberties Union of Wyoming is monitoring whether there are any barriers to voting for those eligible to vote. We are aware of the issue around naturalized citizens being asked by County Clerks to verify their citizenship prior to voting.

If you run into any issues on Election Day, contact us at (307)314-2258 or call the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

This card is a resource, not legal advice. It is provided for informational purposes only. Wyoming may revise its laws after the publication of this card. It is your responsibility to determine how all applicable laws concerning voting in Wyoming affect you.

Wyoming Secretary of State – Elections Division

(307) 777-5860

www.soswy.state.wy.us

Election Protection:

866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683)

US Department of Justice:

(800) 253-3931



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QUICK TIPS FOR VOTERS

- Locate your polling place and note the hours of operation.
- Check to see if identification is required to vote.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Take your time.
- Ask for help if you need it.
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