



Know Your Voter Rights

Rhode Island Department of State
Elections Division

7 Fundamental Rights for
Rhode Island Voters

1 You have the right to bring one of many different photo IDs to identify yourself at your voting location.

Rhode Island law requires that voters provide identification when voting early or at their polling place on Election Day. You can bring any one of the following documents with a photo so long as they are not more than 6 months expired:

1. Rhode Island driver's license/permit,
2. Rhode Island voter ID card,
3. U.S. Passport,
4. ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government,
5. ID card issued by a U.S. educational institution,
6. U.S. military ID card,
7. ID card issued by the U.S. government or State of Rhode Island (RIPTA bus pass, etc.), or
8. government issued medical card.

The Department of State will provide voters with a Voter ID if they do not already possess a valid photo ID for voting.

The Right to Vote

The right to vote is one of the most important rights we have as American citizens and as Rhode Islanders.

If you are a citizen and are at least 18 years of age, you have the right to vote in elections in your community.

Every vote counts in our democracy, and the Office of the Attorney General and the Rhode Island Department of State are committed to protecting your right to vote.

2 You have the right to bring someone with you to vote.

You can bring someone to your voting location to help you vote if you require assistance. This person will be able to go into the voting booth with you to help you vote.

3 You have the right to vote regardless of your gender identity.

Gender identity should never exclude anyone from voting. For information about voting as a trans person, visit the Department of State's website.

4 You have the right to vote in-person before Election Day.

In the 20 days leading up to Primary or Election Day, you can vote in person at a location designated by your city or town during their regular business hours, for any reason.

5 You have the right to request a provisional ballot.

If you are a registered voter and your name is not on the voter list at your designated polling place, or if you don't have your acceptable photo ID, you can request a provisional ballot that will be counted once your local board of canvassers confirms your eligibility.

6 You have the right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.

7 You have the right to vote without any pressure or intimidation.

It is illegal under Rhode Island law to use any means to intimidate voters either inside or outside of early voting locations, polling places, or near ballot drop boxes. Intimidating behavior can include words or actions. It is also illegal for anyone to block or attempt to block, by any means, voters from the entrance to an early voting location, polling place or ballot drop box.

Report an Issue

If you witness what you believe to be election-related crimes or unlawful conduct, you can:

- Fill out the Attorney General's online complaint form, or
- Email the Attorney General at voting@riag.ri.gov, or
- Email the RI Department of State's Elections Division at elections@sos.ri.gov, or
- Contact your local police department immediately.



Primary Elections Key Dates

Elecciones Primarias

 **Aug. 10** Voter registration/disaffiliation deadline
*Fecha límite para inscripción/
desafiliación de votantes*

 **Aug. 19** Mail ballot application deadline
*Fecha límite para solicitar una
papeleta de votación por correo*

 **Aug. 20–
Sept. 8** Early voting period
Periodo de votación por adelantado

 **Sept. 9** Election Day
Día de la Elección



Election Day Key Dates

Día de la Elección

 **Oct. 4** Voter registration deadline
Fecha límite para inscribirse para votar

 **Oct. 13** Mail ballot application deadline
*Fecha límite para solicitar una
papeleta de votación por correo*

 **Oct. 14–
Nov. 2** Early voting period
Periodo de votación por adelantado

 **Nov. 3** Election Day
Día de la Elección