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Voting News from the Disability Vote Coalition

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the electoral process of voters with disabilities.

Check out our resources on the [Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

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Rides to the Polls Survey for November 2022 Election

The Disability Vote Coalition needs your help to update our “Rides to the Polls” list for the November 2022 election.

If your agency or county provides transportation to the polls for people with disabilities and/or older adults, please complete our survey ASAP. Respond by October 4th, if possible, to provide time to update the website and share the information with the community.

The information will be posted on the “Rides to the Polls” page on our website. It will be shared with callers to the DRW Voter Hotline, and with the disability and aging network and our partners including the League of Women Voters. You can see the provider list from previous elections at disabilityvote.org/rides-to-polls

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKC99R5>

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Absentee Ballot Return Assistance for the November election – New Guidance

Disability Rights Wisconsin is receiving questions from disabled voters who need

assistance mailing or delivering their absentee ballots. These practices were restricted in the April and August elections because of litigation.

An August 31st court order clarified that federal law protects the right of all disabled Wisconsin voters to receive assistance from a person of their choice, **other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union** to mail or deliver their absentee ballots, or assist with any part of the voting process.

This document provides guidance on ballot return assistance for voters with disabilities and their assisters. This **replaces** DRW's guidance provided for the August election.

Follow this link to view the new guidance:

- [Absentee Ballot Return Assistance for the Nov 8th Election - Disability Rights Wisconsin](#)



New Resources on Guardianship and Voting

Disability Rights Wisconsin has new resources on the topic of *Guardianship and Voting: Preserving and Restoring the Right to Vote*. These resources explain how people under guardianship can determine if they have retained or lost the right to vote, and, if they have lost the right to vote, how to petition the court to restore their right to vote. In Wisconsin, people under guardianship retain the right to vote unless the court expressly removes that right. Wisconsin residents who have lost the right to vote due to guardianship may petition the court to restore their right to vote.

Help us get the word out to people under guardianship, guardians, families of youth in transition, and organizations who may benefit from this information.

Resources are available at the following links:

- Disability Rights Wisconsin website:

<https://disabilityrightswi.org/resource-center/guardianship-and-voting/>

- Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition website:

<https://disabilityvote.org/2022/guardianship-and-voting-resources/>

For help with questions about voting and guardianship, contact the **DRW Voter Hotline**.

Call: 844-347-8683

Email info@disabilityvote.org



***Make Your Plan to Vote in the November 8th Election Zoom session,
September 29 at 7 PM***

Join us on Zoom and Facebook Live for this interactive session. Vision loss should not be a barrier to exercising your right to vote. Vision Forward, the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition, Wisconsin Council of Blind and Visually Impaired and other partners are teaming up to make sure people with vision loss have a successful voting experience this fall.

- Register for this Zoom session: <https://vision-forward.org/votewebinar>

Shining a Light on Accessible Voting Video -

Learn about accessibly voting by watching a new video from the Self Determination channel, "Shining a Light on Accessible Voting Machines with Denise Jess. Moderator Stacy Ellingen, Denise, and other voters talk about the importance of accessible voting machines and why you should ask to use the accessible voting machine at your polling place. Each polling place is required to have an accessible voting machines that allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

- Watch the video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7NviLmtRZk&ab_channel=Self-DeterminationChannel

Make a Plan to Vote for the November 8th Election

November 8th is a very important election. You will vote for Governor, US Senator, and other important state offices. Make sure you are prepared! If you have a question, give us a call at the DRW Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683

Check your voter registration! **October 19** is the deadline to register online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/> or by mail. After this date, voters must register in person in their municipal clerk's office or at their polling place.

Do you want to vote by mail? Registered voters may request an absentee ballot on My Vote Wisconsin: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Vote-Absentee-By-Mail> If you already requested an absentee ballot, ballots are mailed around September 22nd.

Our "Make Your Plan to Vote" Fact Sheet will help you make your plan! View it online or print a copy:

- <https://disabilityvote.org/2022/make-your-plan-to-vote-aug-9th-primary-and-nov-8th-fall-election/>

Be an Informed voter! Learn about the candidates at Vote411.org. This site has nonpartisan information about the candidates. You can view your ballot and candidate information.

VOTING QUESTIONS?

Help is available! Contact these resources:

- **Your municipal clerk:** myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline:** 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE
Email us at info@disabilityvote.org
- **Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition:** disabilityvote.org/
- **Wisconsin Elections Commission:**
1-866-VOTE-WIS elections@wi.gov elections.wi.gov/
- **DMV Voter ID Hotline: (844) 588-1069.** Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the [Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles](https://www.dmv.wisconsin.gov/) (DMV).
- **Bring It to the Ballot:** <https://bringit.wi.gov/> Information about Wisconsin's photo ID law and other voting information.
- Vote411.org and ballotpedia.org: nonpartisan information about the candidates



- Find your polling place
- See what's on your ballot
- Register to vote
- Nonpartisan resource

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The [Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](https://disabilityvote.org/) is a project of [Disability Rights Wisconsin](https://www.drwisconsin.org/) and the [Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities](https://www.bpdd.org/).



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