

Voting Rights

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BARRIERS TO IDENTIFICATION

- **Why This Matters:** Some states require photo ID to vote, which can be hard for older adults who don't drive or have outdated documents.
- **Common Challenges:**
 - Missing documents like birth certificates.
 - Difficulty traveling to government offices.
 - Costs for obtaining ID or transportation.

How to Get Help: Organizations like Spread the Vote and legal aid services can help you gather the necessary documents and apply for an ID.



VOTING MADE EASY

Options Available to You:

- **Mail-in Voting:** Perfect if traveling to a polling place is difficult.
- **Early Voting:** Vote on a day that works best for your schedule.
- **Accessible Polling Places:** Required by law, but it's a good idea to confirm accessibility in advance.

How to Get Help: You can bring someone to help you vote or ask for assistance at the polling place. This is your right under the Voting Rights Act.



LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES

If You're Under Guardianship:

Some states limit voting rights for people under guardianship, but recent legal cases now require fair processes before restricting your right to vote.

What You Can Do: Ask your guardian or legal aid organization about your voting rights.

If You've Been Incarcerated:

Laws vary by state, but many allow voting rights to be restored after completing a sentence.

How to Get Help: Reach out to local advocacy groups or legal aid to learn about your rights and how to register.

Take Action

- **Check Your Registration:** Verify your voter registration status.
- **Plan Your Vote:** Decide on early voting, mail-in ballots, or in-person voting based on your needs.
- **Advocate for Accessibility:** Work with local election officials to ensure polling places are accessible.

Your voice matters. Ensure your right to vote is protected and exercised!

