

ACCESSIBLE VOTING



YOUR VOTING RIGHTS As A Person With A Disability

- The right to vote (if you are otherwise qualified)
- The right to access your polling place
- The right to receive reasonable accommodations for your disability

WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE CAN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES EXPECT?

Vermont's election laws are designed to make it easy for all eligible Vermonters to vote and to register to vote. One of the specific purposes of the Vermont Election Laws is "to provide equal opportunity for all citizens of voting age to participate in political processes" *17 V.S.A. §2101*.

VERMONT'S ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM

If you have a disability, ask to use the [OmniBallot Tablet Accessible Voting System](#) at the polls. This offers you three options – a touchpad on the screen, keypad with braille, or paddle system. Your selections will be printed on the same paper ballot used by voters at the polls. You can also access OmniBallot Online from anywhere so you can complete your ballot, print and return it by mail or in person to the Town/City Clerk during the early voting period. Read more about [voting rights as a person with a disability](#).

IF YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS TO ASSIST YOU WITH VOTING

- Contact your Town Clerk to request accommodations
- Bring a person of your choice into the voting booth with you for assistance (not your employer or union representative)
- Ask an election official for assistance with marking your ballot
- Ask an election official to bring a ballot to your car
- Bring a magnifying glass or other devices to help you use the ballot
- Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth to help you
- Ask for another ballot (maximum of 3) if you make a mistake
- Use the Omniballot tablet accessible voting system at the polls

IF YOU EXPERIENCE PROBLEMS WITH VOTING, YOU MAY CONTACT

Disability Rights Vermont

141 Main Street, Suite 7, Montpelier, VT 05602
1-800-834-7890 or 1-802-229-1355
www.disabilityrightsvt.org

Vermont Center for Independent Living

11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
1-800-639-1522 or 802-229-0501
www.vcil.org

Green Mountain Self Advocates

2 Prospect Street, Suite 6 Montpelier, Vermont 05602
1-800-564-9990 or 802-229-2600
www.gmsavt.org

Vermont Secretary of State, Elections Division

128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
www.sos.vermont.gov/elections
1-800-828-2363

RESOURCES

1. Voter's Guide for People with Disabilities
www.disabilityrightsvt.org/res_publications/publications.html
2. [Disability Etiquette - A Guide to Respectful Communication](#)