

## Planning for Election Day

ADL believes voting is a critical aspect of our democracy and encourages all to vote; however, in every election, people choose to abstain from voting for a variety of reasons. Encouraging each other to make a plan can [increase voter turnout by 4.1%](#). Below you will find tips for planning how to cast your ballot.

### Before the Election:

1. [Register](#) to vote.
  - Make sure your registration is up to date (current address, name, etc.) at least a month before election day – so by **October 3, 2020**.
2. Identification.
  - Some states require ID, while others do not. Check which states require ID [here](#). If your state requires ID, make sure that yours is valid (correct address, not expired, real ID if required by state).
  - Some states may have changed their standards for identification since the last election. Check your state's ID requirements [here](#).
3. Familiarize yourself with the ballot.
  - Review the candidates and ballot measures ahead of time so you can make an informed decision when voting.

### Make a Plan to Vote:

- How
  - In-person (early voting, or on election day)
  - Absentee
  - Mail in
- Where
  - Where is your polling center or ballot drop box? Enter the address of where you are registered to vote and find your polling center [here](#).
- When
  - When will you go to the polls? Check your calendar for your commitments on the day you are voting. What time is the easiest for you to vote?
  - How will you get to the polls? Will you drive yourself? Do you need to take public transportation? If so, what is the public transportation schedule?
  - Who are you going to the polls with? Are you carpooling with a friend or neighbor? Making a plan to vote with a friend increases the likelihood that you both will vote.

### After Voting:

- Share a picture with your “I voted” sticker! Your friends and family are more likely to vote if they know you did.
- Call (866) OUR-VOTE if you or someone you know is turned away from the polls or has any trouble voting, call this number to submit a complaint. The hotline is operated by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.