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Last-Minute Tips for Voters: Simple Ways You Can Prepare for Election Day
www.CanIVote.org helps voters check their registration, find their polling place and contact local officials

Want to know what you can do to make voting go smoothly for yourself and others on Election Day? The National Association of Secretaries of State, a nonpartisan professional association representing the nation's chief state election officials, offers the following last-minute tips to prepare for voting on Tuesday, November 2:

Check your registration status. State election officials are urging voters to make sure that they are registered at their current address. Most states offer [online voter registration lookups](#) designed to help voters check their registration status and update their information. If you haven't registered to vote yet, or you have a problem with your registration, [contact your local election office](#) to check your options. Visit www.canivote.org for details.

Find your polling place. If you're a new voter, you have probably received a notice in the mail telling you where to vote. For other voters, almost all states offer [online polling place locators](#) that allow voters to look up their assigned polling place. In some states, voters can use the polling place locator feature to provide maps and driving directions to polling place or ballot drop box locations. Your local election office can also help you find your local polling place. Election official contact information and polling place locator links are available at www.canivote.org.

Know what to bring. Identification requirements vary from state to state and federal requirements for first-time voters may impact what you need to bring with you to the polls. Know what, if any, ID your situation requires. [Contact your local election office](#) or visit www.canivote.org for more information. If you have them, it never hurts to bring your driver's license and your voter registration card with you on Election Day.

Be informed. Getting a handle on lengthy ballots filled with candidate races, referenda and bond questions can be time-consuming. Take a look at your ballot before you go to vote. Most states make sample ballots available online. Also make sure you know how to use the voting equipment where you live. You can help keep the lines moving on Election Day by being prepared. Find your state election website at www.canivote.org.

Avoid the crowds. Polling places are busier in the early morning and late afternoon hours, as people head to and from work. To cut down on your waiting time at the polls, consider voting during non-peak hours. Find out when the polls are open where you live by visiting www.canivote.org. Polling place hours for all 50 states and the District of Columbia are also available [here](#).

Report any problems. Election officials want to know if you encounter any problems at the polls. You can find state voter hotline numbers [here](#). Additionally, the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division will be receiving election-related complaints at 1-800-253-3931 (TTY line 1-877-267-8971). Individuals can also report problems through a DOJ website link at: www.justice.gov.

Important note: Federal law ensures your right to request and cast a provisional ballot and all polling places must post a list with your voting rights.

Be sure to vote on Election Day: Tuesday, November 2, 2010! For more information, visit www.canivote.org.

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