



Poll Worker Guide

To Accessible Polling Sites and
Voting Convenience Centers

Disability Rights New Mexico

*Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Persons
with Disabilities*

All voters must be provided the same opportunity for access and participation at poll sites. Accessibility to each polling place includes but is not limited to:

Parking

- Accessible parking spaces for voters that are clearly marked with the standard accessible sign (temporary equipment may be available),
- Accessible parking spaces for voters located nearest to the accessible entrance to the polling site or voting convenience center, and
- An accessible way to reach the sidewalk (e.g. ramps, curb cuts, etc).

Path of Travel

- A path to the accessible entrance that is clearly marked with large print signs if the path is not the main route into the polling site,
- A well lit path that is free from debris (e.g. ice, snow, leaves, low overhanging objects, building materials, gravel, etc.) and has no breaks or edges, and
- Mobility devices (e.g. ramps, curb cuts, etc.) that allow for easy, unobstructed access to the building.

Voting Area

- Voting instructions printed in **LARGE PRINT** and displayed in an obvious and convenient location,
- Availability of adaptive devices necessary for effective communication with voters (e.g. a magnifying glass for voters with a visual impairment, communication cards or pen and paper

to communicate with voters who are deaf or hard of hearing, etc.),

- Poll workers who are trained in and can adequately explain adaptive voting equipment to voters who desire to use them, and
- Adequate spacing in voting facility and lobby to allow for voters using mobility devices to easily navigate the facility,
- Extra chairs for voters that have difficulty standing in line.

Voting

- Awareness of curbside voting policy by poll workers and the availability of a viable plan to facilitate curbside voting,
- Electronic voting equipment that has been turned on, tested, and maintained so that it can be reliably used on Election Day,
- Voting tables, counters, or booths that are 34 inch maximum height and 27 inch knee space width to allow voters using mobility devices to complete the voting process,
- Placement of voting booths that contain accessible equipment in the same area of the room as other voting booths and situating them in such a manner as to protect voter privacy.

* There is a companion guide that provides more in-depth information which is located at County Clerk's Office

* For further information, refer to "Poll Worker Reference Guide" or contact:

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