



Poll Worker Guide

Disability Rights New Mexico

Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Accessible Poll Sites: From the Parking Lot to Voting

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, 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.

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: **Disability Rights New Mexico**

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