

# Top 10 Tips for Voters

Use these tips to help make your vote count

**1) Vote early.** Turnout will be huge, so expect a line during peak hours. Vote between 7am and 3pm to avoid the rush. You have a right to vote if you're in line before 8pm.

**2) Check your registration.** If you've moved in the last year, have a CORI, or for any other reason feel your registration may be in question, call the Secretary of State at 1 (800) 462-8683.

**3) Know where you vote.** Some polling locations have changed in the last year. Call the Secretary of State's office, or check out [www.WhereDoIVoteMA.com](http://www.WhereDoIVoteMA.com) - be sure to use the address at which you are registered!

**4) You may vote absentee if ...** you will be out of town on Election Day or if you can't get to the polls due to physical disability or religious belief. Download the application at [www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us). If you wish to vote absentee in-person at your city or town hall contact your local election office.

**5) You may vote if you have a CORI,** or if you're on parole or probation, so long as you've re-registered since your release. Only people currently incarcerated for a felony are not eligible.

**6) ID may be required.** Most voters are not asked for identification, but some are, especially those who are voting for the first time or who haven't voted in a few years. Your MA State ID will work, but so will a recent utility bill or rent receipt on your landlord's letterhead.

**7) Mark both sides of the ballot, and if you make a mistake, ask for a new one.** You have the right to receive up to two replacement ballots if you make a mistake and spoil yours.

**8) Bring a friend.** You may bring anyone you choose with you into the voting booth (except your boss or union advisor). Bring your kids or make it a romantic evening of democracy.

**9) Do your homework.** The candidates are exciting this year, but so are the ballot questions. Know where you stand; [www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us) is a good place to start.

**10) Get help at the polls.** Do you have difficulty speaking English? A disability? A question? You have the right to get help from poll workers.

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**1-866-OUR-VOTE**  
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