

# A guide to our **safe and secure** elections



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## HOW COLORADO SAFEGUARDS ELECTIONS:



### Before Election Day

- Voters are required to register and affirm that they are eligible to vote.
- The voter registration system has restricted access.
- Colorado regularly checks and updates voter registration through both state and federal databases.
- Colorado clerks conduct public accuracy tests of their election equipment before each election.

### Early Voting & Election Day

- All Colorado voting equipment and every ballot drop box is monitored by video continuously.
- All Colorado voters cast a paper ballot that is kept for two years after each election.
- No Colorado voting equipment is connected to the internet and access to this equipment is under strict control in all 64 counties.
- Bi-partisan teams prepare all ballots for counting on Election Night.

### After Election Day

- All ballots are kept in secure locations.
- Election results are checked through a citizen-lead canvas that compares vote tallies to voting machine reports.
- Chain-of-custody records are followed and maintained.
- An audit of election results based on randomly selected ballots is conducted.

## HOW COLORADANS VOTE:



### Vote by mail

All active registered Colorado voters mailed a ballot beginning 22 days prior to each Election Day. Once the mail ballot is voted, the voter signs the envelope and returns the entire mail ballot to a ballot drop box or mails it through the United States Postal Service. Local election officials compare the voter's signature on the mail ballot application with the voter's signature in the voter registration system. If it matches the ballot is accepted and prepared for counting. If a signature is rejected, the voter has 8 days after Election Day to cure.



### Vote in person

Each county maintains vote centers before each election where Colorado voters can vote in person. Coloradans can register to vote up to and including Election Day by providing proper identification at an in-person polling place. All voters cast a paper ballot. Accessible devices are available for any voter who needs it.

## DOING YOUR PART AS A COLORADO VOTER:

Register to vote or confirm your voter registration information is up-to-date.



Decide your voting method and make a plan to ensure your ballot is cast by 7 p.m. on Election Night.



Find your vote center or ballot drop location on the website of your county clerk and recorder.



*Elections rely on you to do your part to ensure safe and accurate elections.*

Sign up for ballot trax at [ballottrax.coloradosos.gov](http://ballottrax.coloradosos.gov) so you know your ballot has been received and accepted if you are voting by mail or ballot drop box.

Ensure your ballot is received by your county clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Night. Mail postmarks don't count, so mail early, deliver your ballot to a drop box or vote in person before polls close.

# Vote.



Sign up with your county clerk to volunteer to support the next election.



## Report your concerns

If you suspect a cybersecurity or other voting-related incident has occurred, contact:

Your county clerk's office, find yours at [www.clerkandrecorder.org](http://www.clerkandrecorder.org)

The Colorado Secretary of State's Office at (303) 894-2200

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), (888) 282-0870 or [cisacustomerservice@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:cisacustomerservice@cisa.dhs.gov)

Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) Security Operation Center, (866) 787-4722 or [soc@cisecurity.org](mailto:soc@cisecurity.org)

