Six Steps to Ensure a Safe and Secure Voting Experience

Step 1: Check and update your voter registration: sciencerising.turbovote.org

Step 2: (if mailing in ballot) Request your ballot: sciencerising.turbovote.org

• Request, fill out, and send your ballot back as soon as you can!
• Make sure you sign your ballot with a verifiable signature!

(if voting in person) Find out when early voting starts in your state:

• Be sure to practice safety measures to protect yourself and others from COVID-19: make sure you wear a mask, stay six feet apart from others when waiting in line, and listen closely to and follow the directions of the poll workers—they are there to help!

Step 3: (if mailing in ballot) Track your ballot! Follow the status of your ballot by using the appropriate tracking program in your state (find your state board of election here: www.usa.gov/election-office) or by contacting your local county election office.

Step 4: (if voting in person) Do not allow anyone to turn you away! If, for any reason, you are told that you are not eligible to vote, request to cast a provisional ballot, which is a ballot that election officials will verify using voter registration information after the election, before it is counted.

Step 5: (if mailing in ballot) Monitor the status of your completed ballot, and verify that your vote has been counted, either by using ballot tracking provided by your state or by contacting your county election office.

Step 6: Monitor the integrity of the election in your county: keep track of election returns on election night using your county elections website, and continue to keep track during the days following the election, especially of the number of ballots counted, verified, and rejected.

For more information about what you can do to protect your and others’ vote this election, go to: act.ucsusa.org/CountdownSignup

To access this guide and learn more about science for a safe, fair democracy, visit: act.ucsusa.org/ScienceforHealthyDemocracy

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