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Support for voting

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Support for voting



There are different ways you can get help to vote.



You have the right to vote privately. This means no one should see who you vote for unless you want them to.



You can ask your council for help before the day of the election.



You can find your council's contact details here:
[gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office](https://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office)

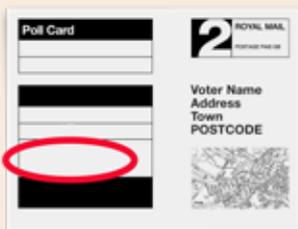
At your polling station



A polling station is the place you go to vote.



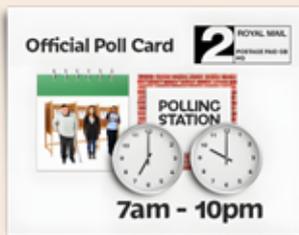
Polling stations are usually in places like libraries, schools, and community centres.



You must go to the polling station named on your poll card.



Poll cards are sent to all registered voters.



They are small cards that say what date the election is and where your polling station is.

At your polling station you can:



- Ask the people working there for help.



- Ask for a place to sit if you need one.



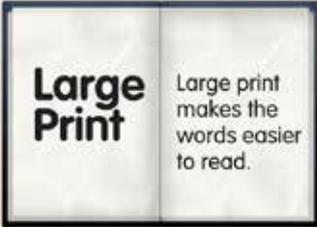
- Bring a friend or family member to help you.



- Use your phone to help you read the ballot paper. For example, you can use a text-to-speech app.

Extra support at polling stations

Large print ballot papers

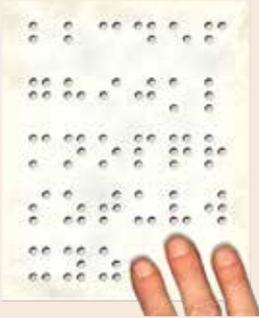


There are large print ballot papers at every polling station.



Ask the polling station staff if you need one.

Tactile voting device



All polling stations have **tactile voting devices**. This is a plastic sheet that fits over your ballot paper. It has raised numbers you can feel.



This can help you vote privately if you are blind or have sight loss.



Ask the polling station staff if you need one, and for help using it.

Hearing loop



Some polling stations have hearing loop systems.



A hearing loop is a sound system that supports people with hearing aids.



You can check if your polling station has one here: [Polling station finder](#).

Postal voting



You can learn more about postal voting here: [How to vote by post.](#)



You can ask someone you know and trust to help you.



You can ask someone to post your vote for you.



You must not let anyone else use your postal vote.

Proxy voting



You can learn more about proxy voting here: [How to proxy vote](#).



For the Senedd election on Thursday 7 May 2026, you must ask for a proxy vote by **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**.



You can ask for an emergency proxy vote by 5pm on election day.



You can only get an emergency proxy for a good reason. For example, because you are in hospital or very unwell.



Contact your council if you need an emergency proxy.



You can find your council's contact details here:
[gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office](https://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office)

Planning ahead

Polling stations



You can check if your polling station is accessible. For example, you can check if it has:

- Wheelchair access
- Ramps
- Accessible toilets
- Parking
- Hearing loop
- Step-free access



Check online here: [Polling station finder](#)

Your council



You can ask your council for help before election day.
Your council can:

- Make sure you have what you need to help you vote.
- Answer questions about your polling station.
- Help you plan your visit to the polling station.



You can find your council's contact details here:
gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office

Your rights



You have the right to:



- Vote and make your own decisions.



- Vote privately. No one should look at you when you vote, tell you who to vote for, or write on your ballot paper if you do not ask them to.



- Get help with voting. Polling station staff are trained to help you and respect your vote.



- Bring someone to help you vote. Like a friend, family member or carer. Your helper must be over 16 years old. They can only help 1 voter, and they cannot be involved in the election in anyway.

What to do if you have problems



If you have problems when trying to vote:



- Speak to polling station staff.



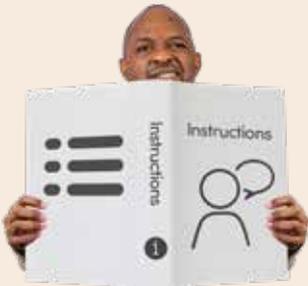
- Contact your council.



- Report your problem to the [Electoral Commission](#). The Electoral Commission is the organisation that makes sure elections are run fairly and well.

More help

You can get more help from:



- **The Electoral Commission** - the organisation that makes sure elections are run fairly and well. Visit their website here: [Electoral Commission](#)



- **Your local council** – find your council’s contact details here: gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office



- **Disabled people’s organisations** – like [Scope](#), [RNIB](#), and [Sense](#).



- [Guidance for carers](#) – a guide made by the Electoral Commission for carers supporting people to vote.