

HOSTING INCLUSIVE VOTING EVENTS

Every vote counts, so let's make our voting events inclusive! Here are some tips to help you think through hosting people with and without disabilities at your event. These suggestions are a starting place, not a comprehensive list.

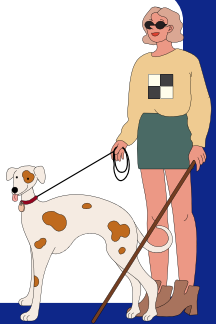


People communicate differently, so try to use various forms of outreach to connect with people about events (e.g. email, social media, texting, phone calls, and even face-to-face).

Asking for an RSVP can eliminate the guesswork of hosting an inclusive event. Include a question that asks folks to share what they need to participate and have a fair deadline for folks to RSVP by.

Making an accommodation doesn't have to be intimidating. Accommodations can be things like providing a large print version of a flyer, designating a quiet space, or providing an ASL interpreter.

When planning your event, look for spaces that have accessibility features like accessible entrances, doors, ramps, and clear pathways.



If there is public speaking or a presentation, use a microphone and speakers. It will benefit everyone.

A person with a disability may ask for assistance registering to vote as a reasonable accommodation.



Sometimes, despite your best efforts, there still might be a barrier to accessibility. If that happens, be upfront and transparent about any known barriers.

You don't have to be an expert on disability to make your spaces inclusive. Just be mindful of others, listen to what your community needs, and remember to have fun!



KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

★ Disability Rights Edition ★



You do not have to prove your IQ or your ability to read and write to vote. Only a court can take away your voting rights.



You may vote even if you have a conservator unless a court has explicitly said that you cannot vote.



If you need help to vote, you do not have to explain why.



You can have someone you choose or a poll worker help you vote if you ask.



You may ask for an accessible voting machine if you need one. Every polling place is required to have one.



You may ask for a reasonable accommodation on election day. A reasonable accommodation could be something like skipping the line.

**IF YOU EXPERIENCE A PROBLEM WHILE VOTING CALL
DISABILITY RIGHTS TENNESSEE AT: 1-800-342-1660**