

Know Your Voting Rights

Can Federal Officers be at a Polling site?

No.

- It is illegal for federal agents to interfere with elections.
- Federal agents cannot be present at polling places in a way that influences or intimidates voters. This includes using their authority, presence, or force to affect how people vote.
- The law is designed to ensure elections remain free from military influence or intimidation, protecting voters' ability to cast ballots safely and independently.

Are firearms allowed at a Polling site?

No.

- It is illegal to openly **carry a firearm (or imitation firearm)** while observing or interacting with election activities is presumed to be intimidation, unless proven otherwise.
- It is illegal for anyone to threaten, intimidate, or coerce people involved in election activities, including voting, registering voters, or running elections.

What are My Voting Rights on Election Day?

- If the polls close while you're still in line, stay in line – you have the right to vote.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.
- If the machines are down at your polling place, ask for a paper ballot.
- If you run into any problems or have questions on Election Day, call the Election Protection Hotline (numbers below)

What are examples of voter interference?

- Aggressively questioning voters about their citizenship, criminal record, or other qualifications to vote.
- Falsely representing oneself as an elections official.
- Displaying false or misleading signs about voter fraud and related criminal penalties.
- Other forms of harassment, particularly harassment targeting non-English speakers and voters of color.
- Spreading false information about voter requirements.
 - You do not need to speak English to vote, in any state.
 - You do not need to pass a test to vote, in any state.
 - Some states do not require voters to present photo identification.

Your rights

- It's against the law to intimidate or pressure voters. No one can intimidate, threaten, or force you or anyone else to affect how you vote.

What do I do if I witness or experience voter intimidation?

- You can make a report to a poll worker onsite
- Call Santa Barbara County Elections Office:
 - 805-568-2200
 - 800-722-8683
- Report to CA Secretary of State: elections@sos.ca.gov
- Report intimidation to the Election Protection Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- If it's an emergency, call 911