



## U.S. Election Assistance Commission Scripts for the **Be Election Ready: Video Guides for Voters Series**

### Video 2: Making a Plan to Vote

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If you want to vote, it's important to understand the options available in your community so you can pick the one that's right for you.

In most states and US territories, eligible voters have access to several different ways to cast a ballot.

Make your plan to vote starting with these three simple words:

Ready.

Set.

Vote.

First, get ready. That means making sure you're registered to vote.

You can start by checking your registration status early, so you have plenty of time to register or make changes. Be sure to update your registration if you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.

The registration deadline may be up to 30 days prior to Election Day, depending on where you live.

All state election offices have websites with information about registering to vote.

Next, get set by determining how, when, and where you'll vote.

Voting by mail, sometimes referred to as absentee voting, is one way.

The other, of course, is in person voting, which usually occurs at a voting location on Election Day.

But you may be able to vote before Election Day at a voting location or at your local election office.

Finally, it's time to vote.

Here are a few things to consider:

If you plan to vote in person, on, or before Election Day, make sure you know what to bring with you, including identification, if required.

If you want to vote by mail, and are eligible in your state or territory, request your ballot as soon as you're able.

If you are not going to be able to vote in person on Election Day and you're not eligible to vote by mail, check with your local election office to see if you can vote early in person before Election Day.

It's time to vote!

Your local election office can provide voting hours, locations and can answer any questions you may have.

After all, they're here to help you make a plan to vote.

For more information contact your state or local election office or visit [EAC.gov](https://www.eac.gov).