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Voting Privacy & Safety: Considerations for Survivors when Registering & Casting a Ballot

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Safety Net Project

- Provide **technical assistance and training** on:
 - Technology and abuse
 - Use of technology to provide services
 - Survivor privacy & relocation
 - Federal confidentiality obligations
- **Advocate** with policymakers and technology companies.



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To Vote or Not to Vote?

- Voting is a fundamental right and an essential key to maintaining the health of a democracy.
- Many survivors face unique obstacles to voting.
- Safety & privacy planning are key.





Voter Registration & Survivor Privacy



Voter Registration Records

- All states and the District of Columbia provide some sort of access to voter registration records, though who can access it and what information is provided varies.
- Most records include name, address, party affiliation, and may include other personally identifying information.

Who has access?

- All states provide access to voter lists for political parties and candidates.
- Depending on the state you live in, voter lists may also be shared with law enforcement, government officials, businesses, scholars, journalists, and the general public.
- Some states limit who can access the records.

“Enhanced” Voter Records



Our political database is highly customizable and frequently updated with voter data that gives your political campaign a blueprint to streamline the ability to fundraise, poll, survey and gain valuable insights into the thoughts of your voters; saving you time, money and resources.

- **Voter registration records in Massachusetts;** including party affiliation and voter history
- Complete access to all counties in Massachusetts and a quick, 24-hour turnaround
- Detailed demographic information including ethnicity, race, religion and income
- Phone numbers of registered voters in Massachusetts – both landline and cell phone
- Voter interest groups and memberships (including club, animals, hunting, etc.)

Voter Record Privacy Protections

- Some states allow certain information to be withheld from being shared if it is specifically designated as confidential.
- Some states limit residential address information for certain professions.
- Many Address Confidentiality Programs (ACPs) include voter records in their statutes.
 - However many have significant challenges effectively controlling this data.

Data Breaches

35 Million Voter Records Found For Sale On Dark Web

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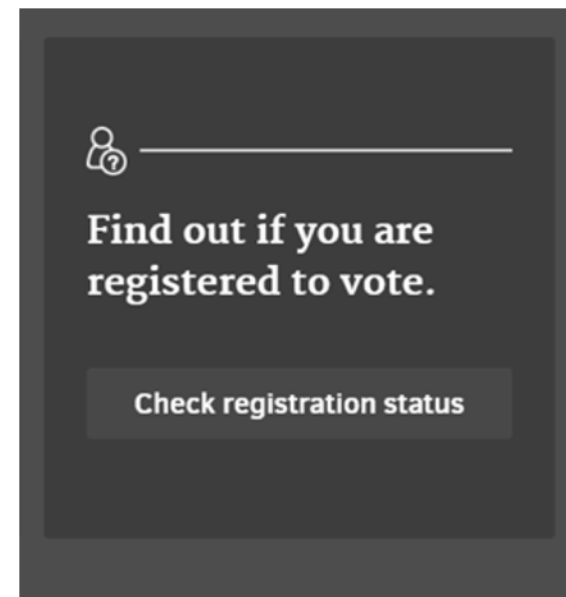
198 million Americans hit by 'largest ever' voter records leak

Personal data on 198 million voters, including analytics data that suggests who a person is likely to vote for and why, was stored on an unsecured Amazon server.

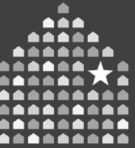


Online Registration Check

- Online voter registration status checks can be done in every state.
- Often reveal the full address of the voter.
- Vote.org has a state by state list
– (scroll down past the “Are You Registered to Vote” form)

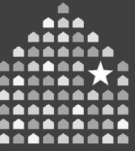


You can check your voter registration status directly with your state.



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State	Official state voter lookup
Alabama	<u>Am I registered to vote in Alabama?</u>
Alaska	<u>Am I registered to vote in Alaska?</u>
Arizona	<u>Am I registered to vote in Arizona?</u>
Arkansas	<u>Am I registered to vote in Arkansas?</u>
California	<u>Am I registered to vote in California?</u>
Colorado	<u>Am I registered to vote in Colorado?</u>
Connecticut	<u>Am I registered to vote in Connecticut?</u>
Delaware	<u>Am I registered to vote in Delaware?</u>
District of Columbia	<u>Am I registered to vote in District of Columbia?</u>



Find my voter registration status

To find your voter registration information:

- Enter your name, date of birth and zip code at which you are qualified to vote.
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

* Required: Enter your name

First name:

Last name:

* Required: Select your date of birth

Month: ▼

Day: ▼

Year: ▼

* Required: Enter your 5-digit zip code

Zip code:

This webpage is intended for use by the individual voter to determine his or her voter registration status and other information related to voting. Access or attempted access to information that is exempt from public disclosure other than to you as the voter may subject you to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

I understand this statement and agree. You must check this box before you can view your voting information.

Not Registered?

- Online Voter Registration
 - Available in 40 states
 - Safety plan around voter registration privacy and device privacy
- Automatic Voter Registration (AVR):
 - Eligible citizens registered automatically when accessing services from government agencies unless they decline.
 - Those agencies will transfer voter information electronically to election officials.
 - Implementation varies across states/territories

AVR & Concern for Survivors

- Survivors need to be informed about the risk to their privacy if they are registered.
- Opt-in or Opt-out processes should be easy and informative.
- We need to create accessible and effective privacy options.



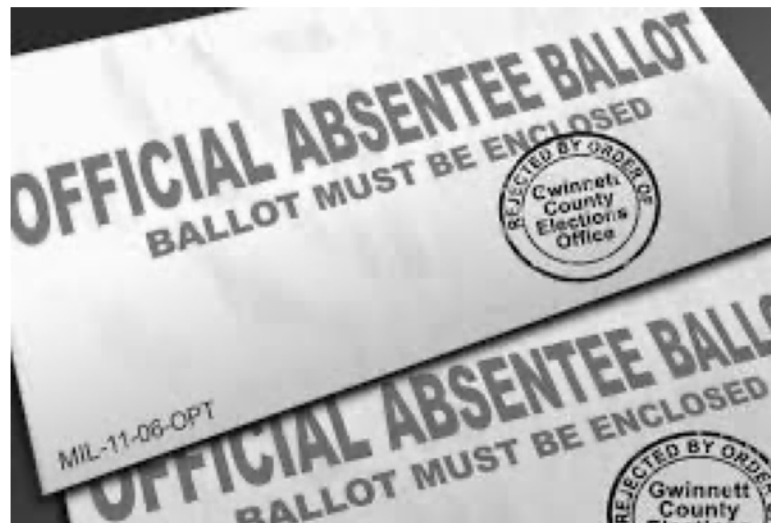
Voting & Survivor Safety

Voting – Know the Options

- Research the options
 - Absentee ballots
 - Voting by mail
 - Voting early
 - Voting on Election Day

Absentee Ballots

- All states have an absentee process.
- Some require a reason, others can request without demonstrating a specific need.



Voting by Mail

- A few states offer it by request.
- Some mail to every eligible voter automatically.
- Many temporarily offering during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ballots returned by mail, at polling place, or designated drop box.

Voting By Mail & Absentee

- Helpful way to cast vote without concern of running into abuser at polling place.
- Possibly provides more privacy.
- Helpful for those who have to work and juggle childcare.
- Helpful for those concerned about health.

Voting at the Polls

- Some states offer early in person voting.
- Time trip to overlap with a time abuser will be busy.
- Poll workers should help preserve right to cast secret ballot.

The background features a series of stylized, overlapping hands in various shades of gray, reaching upwards. Interspersed among the hands are several question marks of varying sizes and opacities, creating a sense of inquiry and uncertainty.

QUESTIONS?

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