

Polling Place Accessibility

Federal and state laws require that all polling places be accessible and usable by older adults or voters with disabilities.

Minimum requirements for accessibility include:

1. Doorways. There must be one set of doors with a minimum width of 32 inches to go in or out of the polling place.
2. Curb Cuts. Any curb by the accessible entrance to a polling place must have curb cuts or temporary ramps.
3. Main Entrance. If the main entrance is not the accessible entrance, a sign will be posted at the main entrance showing how to get to the accessible entrance.
4. Handrails and Ramps. If stairs must be used to enter or leave the polling place, at least one set of stairs must have a temporary handrail and ramp.
5. No Barriers. Barriers in the polling place cannot block the path to the voting booth.
6. Parking. At least one accessible parking space must be available near the entrance of the polling place.
7. Accessibility Standards. Handrails, ramps, doorway and parking must meet accessibility standards that are in the state building code.

If you have a barrier when voting you can file a complaint at www.sos.state.mn.us/media/1190/hava-elections-complaint-form.pdf

You can also get help from the Minnesota Disability Law Center at 612-334-5970.

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