



Know Your Rights on Election Day

Voting is a fundamental right, and there are state and federal laws that protect the rights of persons with disabilities in the voting process. This flyer describes some actions you can take if those rights have been violated.

On Election Day

Call ACDL's Voting Hotline on Election Day if you experience a **disability-related** problem at your polling site, such as:

- ✓ lack of accessibility,
- ✓ lack of/broken accessible voting machines, or
- ✓ any disability-related problems casting a private, independent vote.

ACDL Voting Hotline

Call: 602-274-6287 or 1-800-927-2260

6:00 AM – 7:00 PM on Election Day

After Election Day

If you experienced a disability-related problem in voting on Election Day, or believe that you were discriminated against in voting because of your disability, there are several ways to enforce your rights.

Help America Vote Act Complaints

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 is a law that requires voting systems to be accessible in federal elections. HAVA protects the rights of people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

If you were denied access to an accessible voting machine, were not able to vote privately or independently, or encountered other issues with the accessibility of the voting system at your polling site, you may wish to file a HAVA complaint with the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State.

The HAVA complaint form can be found on ACDL's website:

https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/hava_grievance_form.pdf

When filling out the HAVA complaint form, you must:

- ✓ Submit your complaint so that it is received within **60 days** of rights violation
- ✓ Put the complaint in writing. The complaint should include a description of the problem(s) you encountered at the polling place, and where and when it occurred. You may attach additional pages to the complaint form, if needed.
- ✓ Sign the complaint in front of a notary and get it notarized. The notary will ask for your identification to verify your identity. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are now also remote online notaries that can assist you using audio-visual technology.
- ✓ Send the original, notarized complaint to the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State at the address listed on the complaint form. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself.

Arizona Civil Rights Act Complaint

The Arizona Civil Rights Act (ACRA) is a state law that protects people in Arizona from discrimination on the basis of their disability. ACRA specifically protects voters with disabilities from discrimination in voting.

If you believe that you were discriminated against in voting on the basis of your disability, you may wish to file an ACRA complaint with the Office of the Arizona Attorney General.

ACRA complaints must be filed within **180 days** of the rights violation. To file an ACRA complaint, fill out an intake form with the Arizona Civil Rights Division (ACRD) of the Attorney General's Office, which can be found on ACDL's website: <https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ACRD-Civil-Rights-Intake-Questionnaire.pdf>

To submit your intake, mail it to one of the offices listed the address below:

Phoenix/Central AZ/Yuma

2005 N. Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 542-5263
(877) 491-5742
TTY: (877) 624-8090

Tucson/Southern AZ

400 W. Congress, Ste. 315
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 628-6500
(877) 491-5740
TTY: (877) 881-7552

You can also fill out and submit the ACRD intake form online: <https://www.azag.gov/complaints/civil-rights> .

After you submit an intake, someone from ACRD will contact you to help you file your complaint.

Questions?

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