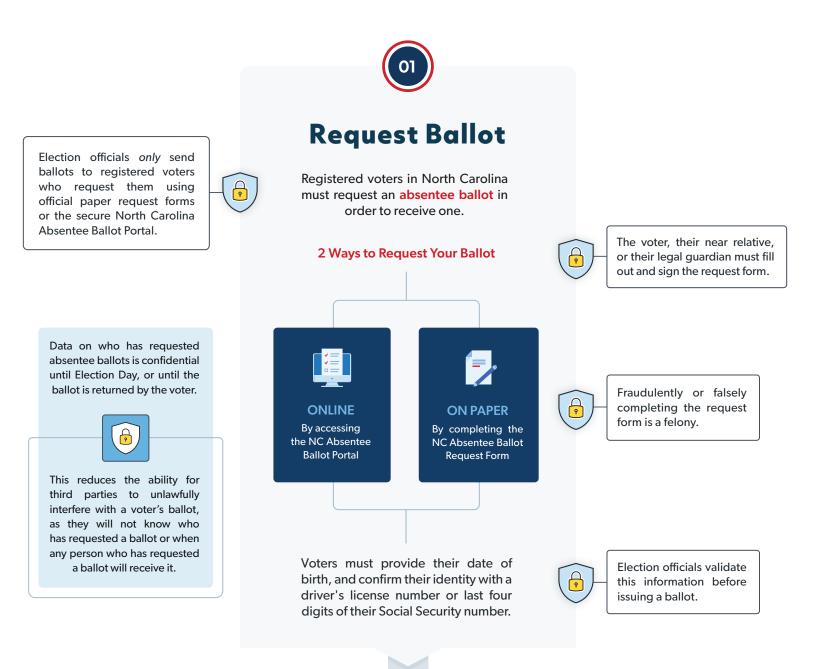


# How We Secure Absentee Voting

Across North Carolina, election officials work diligently to ensure the security of the absentee voting process. This infographic describes the three-step process for voting by mail - requesting, completing, and returning a ballot - along with the security measures in place.

Absentee Voting Security: Find the padlocks to learn about the security measures safeguarding each step of absentee voting.



Two witnesses or a notary public should observe *that* you mark the ballot, not *how* you vote.



## Committing fraud, or aiding and abetting fraud, in connection with absentee voting is a felony.



The State Board investigates all credible allegations of election fraud and refers cases to prosecutors when warranted by findings.

### **Complete Ballot**

#### 1. Mark your ballot.

Must be done in the presence of two witnesses or a notary public.

2. Seal your ballot.

Place ballot in ballot envelope & seal.

#### 3. Sign the envelope.

On back of envelope: sign your name, then have each witness provide *their* full name, address, and signature.

**4. Include copy of photo ID.** If unable to provide one, include a completed Photo ID Exception Form.

**5. Seal & mail ballot envelope.** Place the sealed ballot envelope inside absentee return envelope. The absentee voting process is monitored closely by political parties, candidates, boards of elections, advocacy groups and the media. If anomalies or questionable activities arise, they will be reported to <u>election officials.</u>



The envelope used to return your ballot and photo ID document ensures that only election officials will see your ID information.

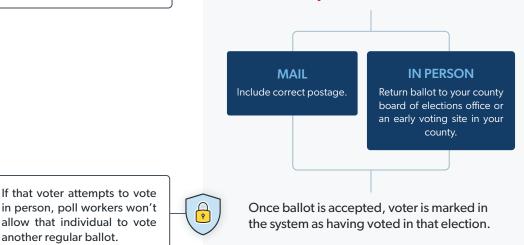


County boards of elections keep detailed logs of who drops off absentee ballots. Ballot drop boxes are not used in North Carolina.



Typically, only the voter, their near relative, or legal guardian may return the ballot.

#### 2 Ways to Return Your Ballot



When a ballot is returned, the bipartisan county board of elections reviews the absentee ballot envelope to ensure compliance with all legal requirements.

Anyone who needs voting assistance due to a disability can receive help from the person of their choice.

Scan to learn all about absentee voting in NC.





