



# What to Do When You See Voter Intimidation



## Goals

Identify  
Ensure Safety  
Document  
Report

### Identify Voter Intimidation

**What:** Any activity that causes a voter apprehension about casting a ballot

**Who:** Any civilian, government official, elected official, law enforcement

**Where:** Online, poll site, a private space like at home or at the office, in a public space or building

**How:** Physical or online presence, words, or actions expressing or implying that adverse physical, psychological, monetary, or reputational harm could result from voting

### Be Safe

**Be safe:** Do not engage. Maintain distance.

**Ensure voter safety:** Calmly remind voters not to engage.

### Document

If you can do so safely, monitor the situation from a distance and document all of the following:

#### 1. Take videos and photos of the threat:

- a. Symbols
- b. Uniforms
- c. Firearms or other weapons
- d. Chants, verbal threats or accusations
- e. Position in relation to poll site entrance
- f. Position in relation to voters
- g. Marching, walking, or pacing
- h. The group's leader, if any

#### 2. Write down and note:

- a. Estimated number of people
- b. Estimated distance from poll site entrance
- c. Estimated distance to voters
- d. Specific incidents of engagement with voters  
(including date, time, name of voter, contact info)
- e. Voters who have left the polling place as a result  
(including date, time, name of voter, contact info)
- f. Whether an election official successfully intervened
- g. Whether law enforcement successfully intervened

### Report

Notify the on-site poll manager and call the Election Protection Hotline, **866-OUR-VOTE** with all info.