

STATE OF UTAH

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Utah Poll Worker Reference Guide

*This document does not constitute legal advice, but is intended as a resource.
As always, consult with your county clerk and/or legal counsel.*

Elections in Utah are free, fair, and accessible. All voters have a right to vote without interference, improper influence, or intimidation.

Observers

Poll watchers may observe voting and election processes at a polling place while maintaining a distance of at least six feet.

- **Restrictions:** Poll watchers may not record voting or election processes in violation of a voter's right to privacy or a secret ballot.
- **Prohibited Conduct:** Violations include interfering with voting or other election-related activities, divulging information regarding vote counts, revealing how an individual voted, or attempting to influence a voter on how to vote.

Department of Justice: Designated DOJ observers may be present in a polling place. However, they must follow the standard rules for poll watchers and may not interfere with voting or election-related processes.

Congressional Observers: The U.S. House of Representatives and/or Senate may designate observers to be present at polling places. These observers will be made known to the Office of Lieutenant Governor in advance. They must follow all standard poll watcher guidelines and may not interfere with voting or election-related processes.

Federal Troops and Law Enforcement: It is generally unlawful for federal troops and federal law enforcement officers to be present at polling places. *Note: This does not preclude a federal officer from voting at their designated polling location.*

Observers may only view processes in accordance with federal and state law. Observers in violation of standard procedures or otherwise disrupting election processes should be reported and may be removed.

What to Do If Someone Breaks These Rules

- Remain calm and professional
- Politely remind the individual of the rules governing polling place observers
- Immediately notify your lead poll worker and/or county clerk

What to Do If a Situation Arises Involving Law Enforcement or Legal Demands

- Remain cooperative
- Ask for clarification
- Immediately contact your county clerk for guidance and support
- Record the exact timeline of events
- Note the full names, badge numbers (if applicable), and agencies of any officers or individuals involved
- Document whether any materials were viewed, requested, or taken

Scan for county clerk contact information



www.vote.utah.gov/county-clerk-contact-information

Utah Code References

- 20A-3a-806
- 20A-3a-801

US Code References

- 18 USC 592
- 18 USC 594
- 18 USC 595
- 18 USC 597