



# 8 Ways You Can Help Protect Our Elections from a Cyberattack

This year, Americans like you can play a vital role in protecting the vote by asking your state and local election officials if they are following the steps below:

- 1** If your jurisdiction uses electronic voting machines (known as DREs), ask if local officials provide each polling site with enough emergency paper ballots for two to three hours of peak voting in case of machine malfunctions or failures.
- 2** If your jurisdiction uses electronic pollbooks to check voters in, ask whether local officials keep paper backup of electronic pollbooks in the polling place.
- 3** Find out whether each polling location in your jurisdiction has enough provisional ballots for two to three hours of peak voting so voting can continue in the event poll workers are unable to determine whether an individual is eligible and registered to vote.
- 4** If your jurisdiction uses paper ballots at the polls, confirm that local election officials print sufficient ballots for 100 percent of registered voters.
- 5** If your jurisdiction uses voting equipment with paper ballots or a paper audit trail, confirm that local election officials plan to conduct a post-election manual audit of a portion of the paper records to ensure accuracy of vote totals.
- 6** Confirm that local election officials will send signage to every polling location that clearly notifies voters about equipment problems and alternative methods of voting.
- 7** Ask if plans for machine malfunctions include measures for assisting voters with disabilities.
- 8** Confirm that state officials keep backup copies of digital voter registration records offline on a daily basis in the weeks before the election.

Find your election officials at [www.brennancenter.org/officials](http://www.brennancenter.org/officials). Check your voter registration online. If there are changes you did not request, notify your election office.