

**THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA  
VOTER PROTECTION COUNCIL  
PHOTO ID GUIDELINES**



**What do you do if you encounter someone who doesn't have an appropriate form of photo ID?**

**First, make sure they actually don't have a valid photo ID.**

Valid IDs include:

- A Virginia driver's license or other ID issued by the DMV;
- A U.S. passport or other ID issued by the federal, VA, or local government;
- A tribal enrollment card issued by one of the 11 tribes recognized by VA;
- An employee ID card issued in the ordinary course of business;
- A military ID;
- A student ID issued by a VA institute of higher learning or public or private high school;
- A nursing home resident ID, if issued by a government facility;
- A free voter ID card issued by the Department of Elections.

A valid ID means that it is genuine, bears a photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

**If they do not have a valid ID, then...**

Let them know free IDs are available to any voter who lacks proper identification under the law. Voters can apply for a free ID card for the purposes of voting **only** with their local registrar. It will take two to four weeks to obtain the ID, so encourage them to get one as soon as possible.

**If it will be a problem for them to get to their registrar's office, then...**

Take down their name and contact info. Check if the local democratic committee will provide a ride to the registrar's office, many do. If not, send their information to the DPVA Voter Protection Council at [voterprotection@vademocrats.org](mailto:voterprotection@vademocrats.org) and the VPC will do its best to find them transportation.