



Disability Rights Idaho

Accessibility at the Polls

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Who is Disability Rights Idaho?

- A protection and advocacy (P&A) agency
- State-appointed, with a mandate from Congress
- We provide advocacy and legal services to people with disabilities in Idaho

Congress creates nationwide
P&A System

1975

1977

Co-Ad, Inc. established in Idaho

Co-Ad, Inc. renamed
Disability Rights Idaho

2009

Disability Rights Idaho and Voting

Under the PAVA program, P&As help ensure that individuals with disabilities can access full participation in the electoral process

Americans with Disability Act
(ADA)

1990

Protection and Advocacy for Voting
Access (PAVA) grant

2003

2002

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)



PAVA Voting Activities - General

- Inform voters with disabilities of their rights and protections
 - Assist those who want to vote with the voting process
 - Educate, advocate, investigate, and litigate to remove barriers to voting
 - Conduct monitors of polling places for ADA compliance
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PAVA Activities - 2024 Election

Determined to Vote

- Voter toolkit
- Educational campaign
- Promotional video
- Podcast interview

Polling Place Monitors

- Pre-election training
- 59 voting locations
- 5 counties
- Post-election reporting

Idaho voters with disabilities are

Determined to Vote

Your voter toolkit from Disability Rights Idaho



Step-by-step Guide

Walks Idaho voters with disabilities through the full act of voting

- **I have rights** – covers eligibility, photo ID's, and registration status
- **I have help** – helps voters make an accessible voting plan
- **I have a voice** – walks voters through act of voting, explains ways you can vote



Know your rights and get registered

Idaho's voter identification laws have changed. There are resources and help available to you to access your right to vote.

Are you eligible to vote?

Do you have a photo ID with your current legal name?

What is the free ID for voting?

What is your voter registration status?



Make your plan to vote

The best way to ensure your voice is heard is to start early, make a plan ahead of time, and ask for the assistance you need.

What help will you need or want to vote?

Will you want someone to help you vote?

What if you have problems registering or voting?



Make your voice heard

Make sure you have what you need to register and to vote and remember that you can ask for help too.

Will you vote early, by mail, or in person?

Do you know where you'll be voting?

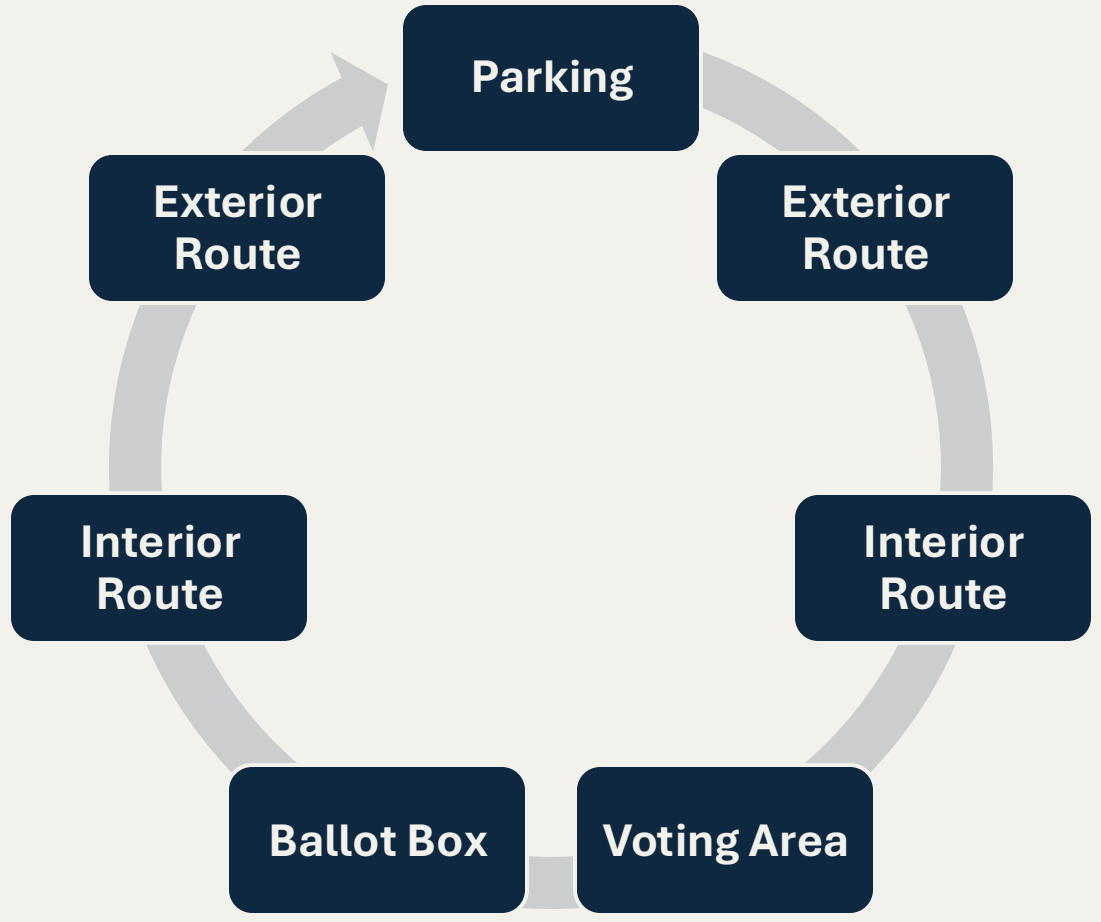
What if you have problems voting?

Let's Connect!

Please take a moment to fill out our contact sheet and questions about voting accessibility in your community



The Accessible Voting Experience

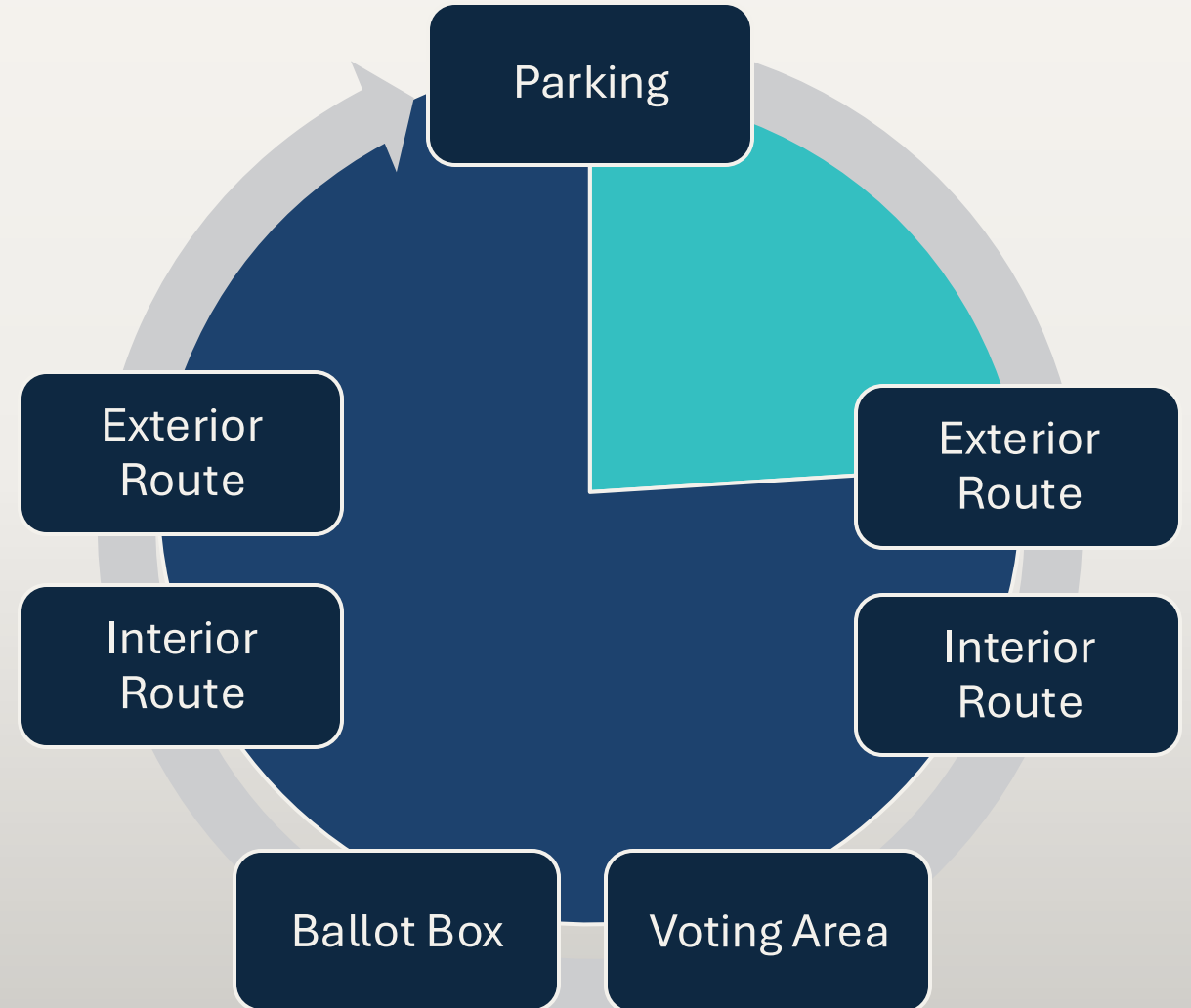




“Interior was laid out to be accessible and a woman in an electric wheelchair was inside voting. The issue here was the parking area...and the route from the parking area which includes cracked and uneven sidewalks. There was a loading zone right in front of the church that people seemed to be using but it wasn't marked.”

Polling Place Monitors

- Conducted 59 site monitors across 5 counties
- At least one ADA compliance issue identified at 3 out of 4 locations visited

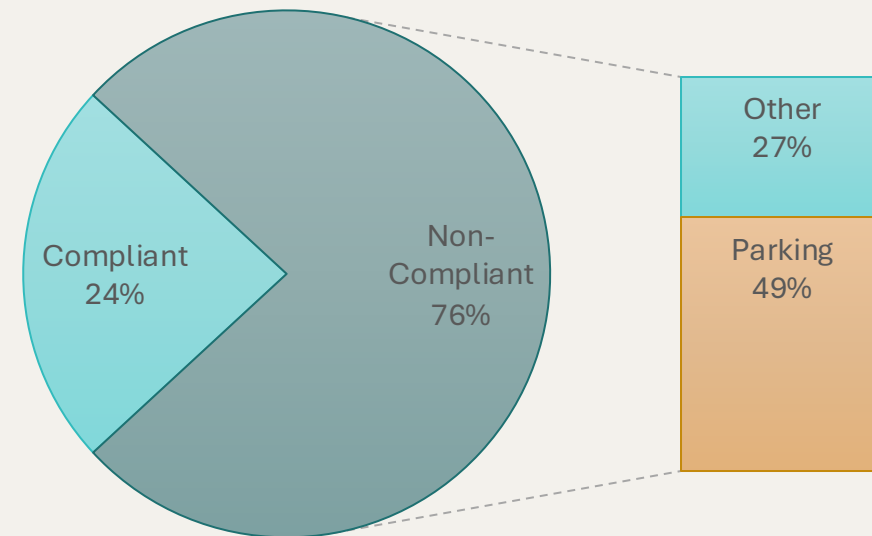


Parking Accessibility

Nearly half of all polling places had at least 1 parking issue identified

We looked for:

- Appropriately designated accessible parking, including van accessible spaces
- And proper spacing around the van accessible parking
- Clear signage



Van accessible space & signage

ADA Compliant





BRICK BUILDING

FREEDOM

WHITE PICKUP TRUCK

DARK SEDAN

TREES

LAMP

LAMP

SIGN

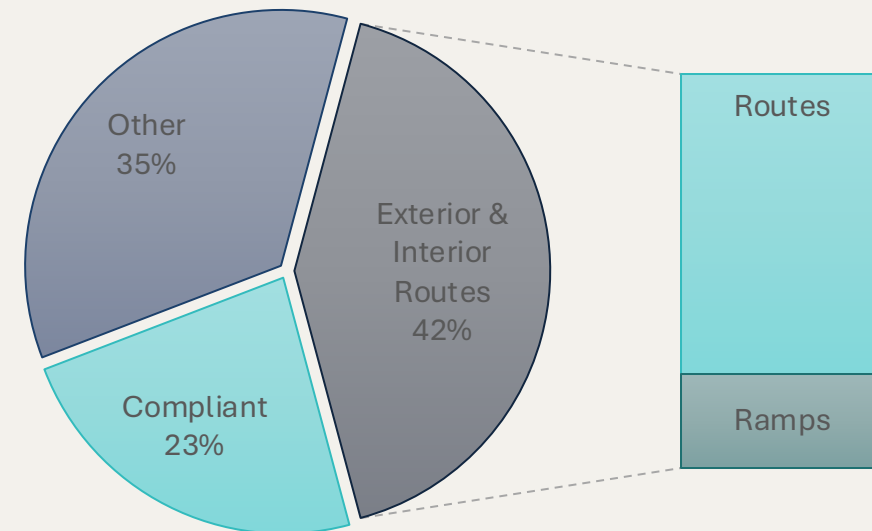
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Exterior & Interior Routes

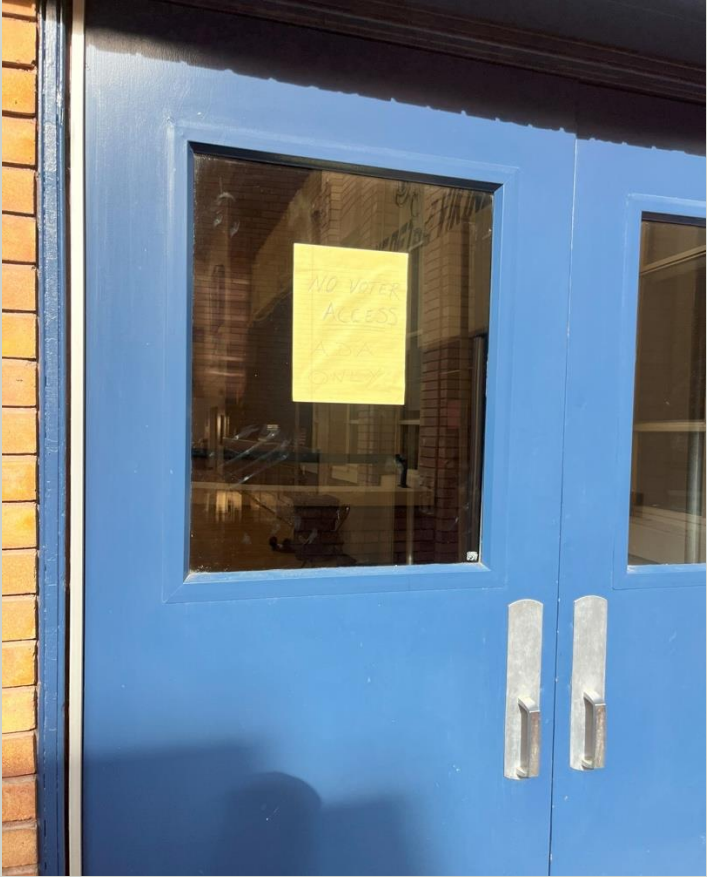
About 2 in 5 locations had at least one issue identified on routes to and from voting area

We looked for:

- Ground and surface material stability
- Obstructions such as large cracks, uneven surfaces, elevation changes
- Ramps and ramp landings



Non-compliant



[insert examples if we have them]

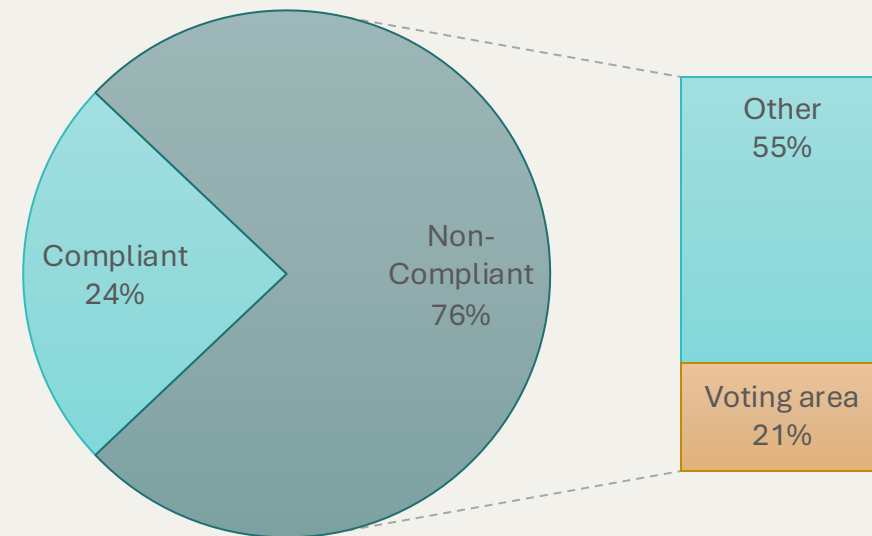


Voting Area

About 1 in 5 sites monitored had at least one barrier to accessibility

We looked for:

- Space around the accessible voting area to maneuver
- Positioning of ballot marking device, privacy
- Ballot marking device up and running





ADA Compliant

- Privacy supported
- Room to maneuver

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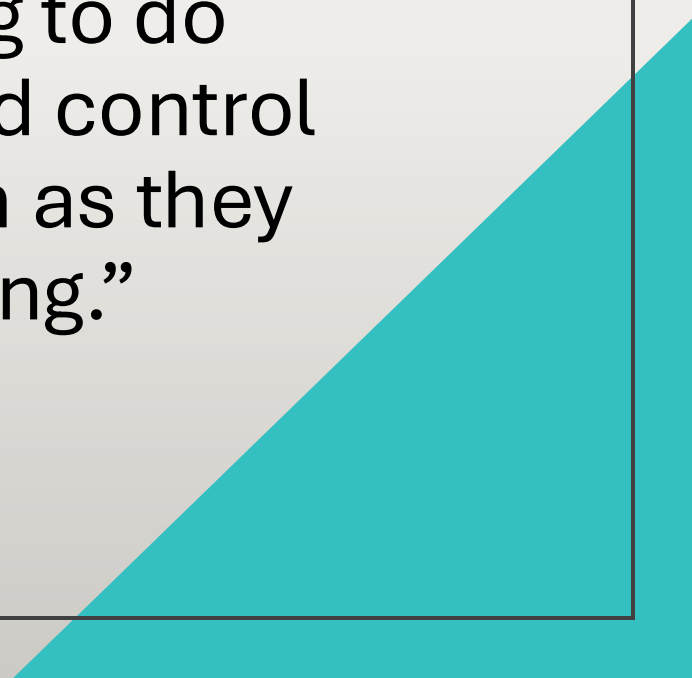
“There was a woman in a wheelchair using one of the four accessible spots. I chatted with her outside and she says she votes at this location because it’s the easiest with her wheelchair and there is always parking. Her husband with a walker also commended this location.”

Highlight Reel

“I witnessed an individual use the accessible voting station and they seemed to move in and out just fine.”

Highlight Reel

“Judge was really nice and knowledgeable about the accessible voting machine and willing to do things creatively if necessary. Good crowd control with poll workers meeting people as soon as they got to the door. Ample seating while waiting.”



Highlight Reel

“Efficient use of a small space, appears to meet accessibility standards with moveable/flexible options to make BMD accessible to voter needs.”

Highlight Reel

“The person in charge [at this location] was approachable and open to suggestions. They serve a fair number of elderly voters and were generally aware of their obligations. I asked them to prop the door and assisted them to move the accessible voting machine so that there was a 60" diameter space in front of it. They had braille materials and a white board. We discussed that many people who are deaf or hard of hearing do not read or write in English. They have access to interpretation services, which I believe would be video.”