



YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IS PROTECTED

You have the right to cast your ballot without fear of intimidation. Learn which behaviors you should NOT be experiencing at the polls and who you can contact if you have issues.

Enforcing the Rules at a Voting Site

The chief judge or one-stop site manager is responsible for ensuring voters have unimpeded access into the buffer zone and voting enclosure, and to maintain order at the polls.

- They must ensure that voters are able to freely access the voting place **without fear of harassment or intimidation**. And they must take actions required to **“prevent riots, violence, tumult, or disorder”** at the voting place.
- Consistent with these rules, the chief judge or one-stop site manager should monitor conduct both inside and outside the voting place for **potential interference or disorder**.



What Constitutes Voter Intimidation?

The NC SBOE's memo includes a number of examples of voter intimidation, although the list is not meant to be exhaustive. This includes:

- Individuals outside the buffer zone wear “SECURITY” insignia and inform voters that they are “monitoring” the polling place.
- Individuals in the parking lot physically prevent multiple cars from parking at the only parking lot in the voting place. Voters in the cars turn around and leave.
- Individuals intentionally distribute misleading information about the time, date or place of an election, or about the qualifications required to vote.
- An observer films or photographs curbside voters while in the act of voting.
- Individuals outside the buffer zone threaten a voter with physical harm if the voter does not vote for or against a particular candidate or party.
- An electioneer outside the buffer zone stands within one foot of voters walking into the voting place and repeatedly ignores requests to maintain a reasonable distance from voters. The electioneer uses this tactic as a way to intimidate voters from voting.

Have issues? Call 877-880-VOTE