

Who Is an Indefinitely Confined Voter?

"Indefinitely confined" voters are persons who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability, may have difficulty travelling to the polling place.

An indefinitely confined voter can reside in:

- Their own home
- Apartment
- Nursing Home
- Other Care Facility

When applying for an absentee ballot, the voter must indicate they are indefinitely confined. Indefinitely confined voters will receive absentee ballots automatically for all elections until they fail to return a ballot.

Do Indefinitely Confined Voters Have to Provide a Photo ID?

An indefinitely confined voter does not need to provide a copy of photo ID. Instead, the witness' signature on the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope satisfies the photo ID requirement.

- A signature is still required from both the witness and the voter.
- The Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope is the envelope in which you return your voted ballot to the municipal clerk.

If you have photo ID, you may choose to send a copy of it along with your absentee ballot request, but it is not required. If you choose to provide a copy of your photo ID, you won't have to supply one again unless you change your name or address.

If you choose to vote absentee in the clerk's office or at the polling place on Election Day, a photo ID will be required.

How Do I Know If Where I Live Qualifies as a Care Facility?

Care facilities include nursing homes, Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRF), retirement homes, residential care apartment complexes or adult family homes that are licensed or certified by the state.

Wisconsin law requires municipal clerks to appoint two Special Voting Deputies (SVDs) to conduct voting in nursing homes. The municipal clerk may also appoint SVDs to conduct voting in other qualified care facilities.

Are Voters in Care Facilities Required to Provide a Photo ID?

Voters in care facilities visited by SVDs and voters in care facilities not visited by SVDs have different photo ID requirements.

For voters in care facilities visited by SVDs, the signature of both SVDs on the Absentee Ballot Certification Envelope satisfies the photo ID requirement. If you cannot vote while your SVDs are visiting, please contact your municipal clerk.

For voters in care facilities **NOT** visited by SVDs

There are three options:

- The voter can provide no photo ID, if they are indefinitely confined. Please see the "Indefinitely Confined" sections of this brochure.
- The voter can provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee application or completed absentee ballot. Once a copy of the photo ID is provided, the voter is not required to submit ID again unless they change their name or address.

- The voter can have an authorized representative of the facility complete the "Certification of Care Facility Authorized Representative" section of the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope. The witness section of the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope must also be completed and the representative of the facility can act as the witness. Both sections must be completed each time the elector votes.