



YOUR VOICE + YOUR VOTE TOOLKIT



SURVIVOR JUSTICE *ACTION'S* YOUR VOICE + YOUR VOTE TOOLKIT

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

1. A message from our Leaders
2. Who is Survivor Justice *Action*
3. How to Register to Vote/Check Registration Status and ACP with links and easy to access information
4. Printables/Shareables
5. Other Resources (information about accessing The Hotline or other support resources in PA)



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS

KATIE + RUTH

As we near Election Day, voting and amplifying the voices of victims and survivors of domestic violence has never been more important.

For far too long.....

- The life-saving support and resources survivors and their families need to get safe have been underfunded.
- The needs of victims and survivors have been pushed to the sidelines and their voices have been silenced.
- Those who are in power to make decisions that impact victims, survivors, and their families have been acting without rebuke.

Until now. Now is the time for elected officials to be held accountable to victims and survivors and those that love them.

Voting can be a key part of a survivor's journey to autonomy. And we want you to know you're supported. That's why we've supplied resources that center your voice and your vote because both matter just as much.

Survivor Justice Action's Your Voice + Your Vote Toolkit can assist victims, survivors, advocates, domestic violence programs and community members to amplify the voices of survivors to educate, mobilize, and demand that systems change so that we can end all forms of domestic violence.

This toolkit was created with victims and survivors of domestic violence and those that know and love them—at its center. As survivors and as leaders of *Survivor Justice Action*, we know how vital it is to have information that is trusted, reliable, and clear when you need it most.

In this toolkit you'll find the following:

- **How to Vote Safely:** We've provided important information about voter registration deadlines and how you can take advantage of Pennsylvania's Address Confidentiality Program to ensure you can vote safely and securely.
- **Candidate Information:** We've identified champions and allies of domestic violence, so you know where elected officials running (for President, Senate, and the US House of Representatives) stand on key pillars to the federal response to domestic violence. You can find that information at SJAAction.org.
- **Issues that Move Us:** We know that key issues like reproductive coercion and restricting abusers' access to firearms impact victims and survivors uniquely. That's why we've included information about them that can be printed and shared in this toolkit so we can raise our voices on the issues that matter most this election cycle.
- **Resources for Victims and Survivors:** Other support and resources from the National Domestic Violence Hotline are here for you and your family. If you are impacted by relationship abuse, please know— you are never alone. The stakes are higher than ever for victims, survivors, and those that know and love us. Those in power need to hear from us so that we can end domestic violence in our lifetime. And our message to you can't be clearer: Your voice and your vote matter in November. We are here to amplify it.

Katie Ray-Jones
CEO,
The Hotline and Survivor Justice Action

Ruth M. Glenn
President,
Survivor Justice Action



WHO IS SURVIVOR JUSTICE *ACTION*?

Survivor Justice Action (SJA) is a national 501c4 advocacy organization dedicated to ending domestic violence (DV) in the United States. SJA works to establish a national ecosystem of holistic and inclusive support, policies, education, and resources for survivors of domestic violence, the advocates who work closely with them and those creating laws and legislation related to DV.

Our Mission: Survivor Justice Action will work to amplify the voices of survivors, educate, and mobilize to demand systems change to prevent and end all forms of domestic violence.

Our Vision: To end domestic violence in our lifetime.

Our work, led by a staff of survivors and experts in domestic violence and public policy, will center in four major areas:

- Increasing voter registration, engagement, and education about candidates who support survivors.
- Training for those wanting to run for elected office and are passionate about a survivor-centered approach to ending domestic violence.
- Holding those in power accountable for better legislation and protection for survivors and their families.
- Advocating for systems change to advance the rights of those impacted by domestic violence, champion increased funding for organizations working to meet their needs (shelter, counseling, legal aid, etc.), and demanding accountability for those who choose cause harm to survivors and their families.

Our work will be conducted in collaboration with organizations, stakeholders, and individuals who share our vision to end domestic violence in our lifetime and are inclined to take action to ensure that survivors live with the safety, dignity, and respect they deserve.





HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE/CHECK REGISTRATION STATUS AND ACP

This guide includes information on:

- Voter registration deadlines and how to register to vote
- Pennsylvania's Address Confidentiality Program
- Information for first time voters
- Voting dates and deadlines
- How to check your registration status

Pennsylvania Voter Registration Dates and Deadlines:

October 21, 2024 is the last day to register before the November 5, 2024 election.

- You must complete your voter registration application and it must be received by October 21, 2024, via:
 - [Online at the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Application](#)
 - Delivered in person to your county voter registration office ([find your county election office here](#))
 - By mail to your county voter registration office. [A blank, fillable voter registration application can be found here.](#)

Pennsylvania's Address Confidentiality Program:

To protect the information of survivors of domestic violence and their families, survivors can utilize Pennsylvania's Address Confidentiality Program, which provides survivors an authorization card that includes your name, substitute address and participant number. **Survivors can use that substitute address for voter registration** (and other purposes including drivers' licenses, vehicle registration, school records, utility bills and more).

The Address Confidentiality Program is managed by the Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate. Survivors can apply online or mail your application. [Learn more about this program and how to apply here](#) or call 1-800-563-6399.

Once a survivor has applied for and received a substitute address, survivors may use that address either to register to vote or to update your current voter registration information.

Check Your Voter Registration:

- [You can check your voter registration status with the Pennsylvania Voter Services.](#)
- Important for Survivors: If you are already registered, your information may be publicly available. [Learn more about Pennsylvania's Address Confidentiality Program and how to protect your information here.](#)

Important information for first time voters:

- If this is the first time you are voting, you must bring a photo or non-photo ID. [A list of acceptable IDs can be found here.](#)
- Use this [online tool to find your polling location.](#)
- Review a sample ballot [Your county election office will have samples you can see in advance.](#)

Pennsylvania Voter Dates and Information:

- **Election Day is November 5, 2024.**
- Polls in Pennsylvania are open from 7am to 8pm.
- If you are in line at or before 8pm (when polls close) you will still be allowed to vote.
- **If you plan to vote by absentee or mail-in ballot your application must be received by 5:00pm on October 29, 2024. Your voted BALLOT must be returned by 8:00pm on Election Day, November 5, 2024.**
 - You must be a registered voter to submit an application. [You can download a mail-in or absentee paper application here OR complete an online application.](#)



PRINTABLES + SHAREABLES

PRINTABLES/SHAREABLES

TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO USE THEIR VOICE AND VOTE



For years, I was trapped in the silent cycle of partner violence.

But I'm a **survivor**, and I won't be kept quiet. I'm going to use **my voice and vote** this November.

Pennsylvania Survivor

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Our vote is our voice.



Did you know that nearly 40% of Pennsylvania women experience partner violence in their lifetimes? Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, abusive partners have become emboldened and are using abortion and restrictions to health care to strip their partners' right to control their own bodies and lives. **Victims are put at risk with abortion bans that give more power to the abuser.**

With our rights and safety on the line, it's more important than ever for us to make our voices heard and vote.

In Pennsylvania, voting is easy and secure.

1 Register online at
www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx
or scan here



2 Make a plan to vote
By Mail:
Request your mail-in ballot today at vote.pa.gov
On Election Day:
Tuesday, November 5
Polls open 7AM – 8PM

Find your polling location, vote-by-mail details, and other voting info at vote.pa.gov

If you're a survivor or a family member of a survivor, you can use the Address Confidentiality Program when registering to vote to keep your actual home address out of public records where an abuser could find it. **ACP forwards all first-class, registered and certified mail to the participant, free of charge.**

Sign up for the ACP online
pa.gov/en/agencies/ova/address-confidentiality
or call 1-800-563-6399



OTHER RESOURCES

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INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESSING THE HOTLINE OR OTHER SUPPORT RESOURCES IN PA

National Domestic Violence Hotline information on voting safely:

<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/how-domestic-violence-survivors-can-vote-safely/>

Pennsylvania Address Confidentiality Program:

<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/ova/address-confidentiality.html#accordion-d985387460-item-8019afbcc1>

