



# Prohibited Area and Activities

## Activities are prohibited depending on location.

Those locations include the area inside the polling place and the prohibited area outside the polling place. Any person who is found by a majority of the officers of election present to impede the orderly conduct of the election or violate any of these rules may be required to leave the polling place and the prohibited area.

## What is the “Prohibited Area”?

The Prohibited Area is defined as the area within 40 feet of any polling place entrance. In this area, it is unlawful for anyone to give, tender, or exhibit any ballot, ticket, or other campaign material or solicit or attempt to influence any person in casting his vote.

## What is Unlawful in the Polling Place *and* Prohibited Area?

- Loitering or congregating in the polling place and prohibited area.
- Hindering or delaying qualified voters from entering or leaving.
- Hindering or delaying any officer of election or voter.
- Neutral observers and authorized representatives assisting voters.

## What is Unlawful in the Polling Place?

- Campaign, give, tender, or exhibit any ballot, ticket, or other campaign material to any person.
- Solicit or in any manner attempt to influence any person in casting his vote.
- Be in a position to see the marked ballot of any voter.



## What is *Allowed* Outside the Prohibited Area?

Campaigning in a way that does not hinder voters or officers of election. Media may conduct interviews and broadcast reporters’ remarks.

## Campaign Stickers, Buttons and Apparel:

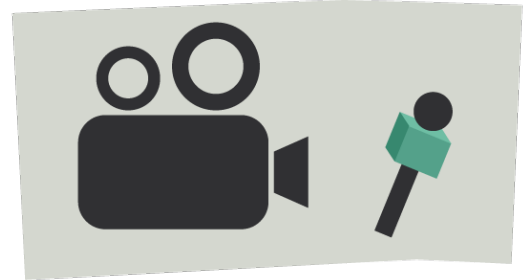
**Only voters** are allowed to display or wear campaign stickers, buttons, wristbands and apparel in the polling place. All others, like officers of election and authorized representatives, cannot wear any such apparel.

## What is Allowed in the Voting Booth:

Voters are allowed to take sample ballot guides and campaign material with them into a voting booth.

### **News Media and the Polling Place:**

News media may visit and film or photograph inside the polling place for a reasonable and limited period of time while the polls are open. The media must comply with all prohibitions and may not film or photograph any person who specifically asks them not to as well as the voter or ballot in such a way that divulges how any individual voter is voting.



The media may not film or photograph the voter list or any other voter record or material at the precinct in such a way that it divulges the name or other information concerning an individual voter.

Officers of election may require any person who is found by a majority of the officers present to be in violation of these provisions to leave the polling place and the prohibited area.

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