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Advocate:

- Visiting residents is important and situational awareness is crucial
 - Has anyone spoken to them about voting?
 - Have they requested a ballot?
 - Are they aware of political candidates?
 - Has anyone tried to change their voter registration or filled out an application for a vote by mail ballot?
 - Educate the resident and family on “Stranger Danger”. Do not let strangers tamper with their ballots
 - If a resident requested assistance marking a ballot or filling out an application, the “buddy system” is recommended - 2 people should be present with the resident
 - Families of loved ones may request to be notified of onsite voting or if no onsite voting, asked to be notified when your loved one receives their vote by mail ballot
 - Voterref.com - public website to look up voter registration information (IL does not participate)
 - Educate residents, family and staff on the difference between official election mail and political mail. Show them the official logo



- What safeguards does the facility have in place?
 - Got to centerforvulnerablevoters.org to download copy a facility guide, *Their Vote Matters* for directors
 - Is the director aware of and enforcing ballot assistance laws?
 - Is there a chain of custody for mail in ballots?
 - Is there a training program for staff?
 - Does the director know which residents are “non compos mentis” and ensure state and federal policies are being followed for these individuals?
 - Is the director aware if the facility can be a designated polling place, in which trained election authorities are available to answer questions and assist voters that request assistance?

Important dates:

March 19, 2024 General Primary

Now to Feb 20, 2024 - Time period for residential directors to request their community as onsite in person polling place. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2) **Help the residential communities provide onsite voting by encouraging and reminding them of the deadlines to participate in onsite voting. Make the request sooner than later.

Feb 8, 2024 - Early In Person voting at Polling Place begins

Now to March 14, 2024 - Time period to request absentee or vote by mail ballot

Feb 8, 2024 - Residents will begin to receive their absentee or vote by mail ballots

** Help the residential communities locate their local county clerk at :
iacr.net/MemberCountiesMain.html

Locate your Illinois State Board of Elections at : elections.il.gov

Go to centerforvulnerablevoters.org to print out a copy of *Their Vote Matters* guide, *Senior Citizen Bill of Rights Pocket Guide*, and many other helpful informational handouts.

Report any concerns to: your supervisor, residential director, contact our hotline at 888-820-VOTE, contact Laura, contact your local county sheriff, local county clerk or Illinois State Board of Elections - [Follow Up!](#)

Election laws are always changing - check your local county clerk website and/or Illinois State Board of Elections for updates

Do not hesitate to contact your local county clerk with questions - they are there to serve the public.

Thank you for advocating for vulnerable citizens!