

GUIDELINES FOR EFFECTIVE POLLWATCHING

1. **WATCH for electioneering within 10 feet of the polls:** No political activity, distribution of campaign literature, pollworker or pollwatcher campaign buttons or apparel are allowed here. Bucks County voters may wear campaign buttons or hats, but they are encouraged to remove them or cover up shirts.
2. **WATCH FOR CONSISTENCY between numbered lists of voters vs. machine counts,** especially at end of day. The numbers should match.
3. **WATCH FOR FLEEING VOTERS who didn't press the VOTE button correctly:** Catch them before they leave the polling room and ask the voter to return and press the VOTE button to finalize their selections.
4. **WATCH FOR MALFUNCTIONING MACHINES** (votes switching, fading, etc.)
5. **WATCH FOR ANY MACHINE NOT WORKING, for however short a time.**
6. **WATCH FOR LONG LINES: Are voters waiting more than half an hour?**
7. **WATCH FOR APPROPRIATE USE OF EMERGENCY PAPER BALLOTS:** If a voting machine is inoperable, and not repairable or replaceable, then emergency paper ballots *may* be used, per Pennsylvania law. If half of a precinct's voting machines malfunction, then emergency paper ballots **MUST** be used immediately, per new Court ruling, effective October 30, 2008.
8. **WATCH how voter situations are handled when names are not in the poll book (sign-in book for voters).** The Judge of Elections should be expected to call the Board of Elections for advice on any unresolved questions

After polls close, **WATCH** that **absentee ballots** are processed according to procedure, preserving privacy. **WATCH** to be sure the machine tape results match the recorded results on the canvass report.

When pollwatchers see problems, tell your Judge of Elections, who may contact the County Board of Elections for assistance. Local election protection lawyers are available also, as needed. Committee people should know how to contact these lawyers. **To additionally register a complaint, call the local Coalition for Voting Integrity hotline: 215-589-1930.** We'll report problems to national hotlines: **1-866-OUR-VOTE** and **1-866-MY-VOTE-1.** **Trust your instincts -- call if you see anything unusual. Fill out enclosed pollwatcher checklist and mail to CVI, PO Box 536, Doylestown, PA 18901**