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# HOW TO GUIDE



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# How to Prepare For The 2024 Election

Election season is upon us! This guide will help you prepare and inform you where further information can be found.

Your voting experience may look slightly different this year in order to accommodate recent legislative changes. This guide will help walk you through them.

Election Dates: Primary:  
August 20th  
General: November 5th



Platte County Clerk's Office:

Physical: 800 9th St.,  
Wheatland

Mailing: PO Box 728,  
Wheatland, WY 82201

Phone: (307)322-2315

Email: pcelection@  
plattecountywyoing.com

## Clerk's Office Hours:

Monday – Friday  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

\*All courthouse offices will be closed on Election Days (August 20th and November 5th) to assist as election judges.

## Polling Locations:

Wheatland Precincts  
(1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-6)

- Agriplex (4-H Building), 59 Antelope Gap Rd., Wheatland

Guernsey & Hartville Precincts  
(2-1 & 2-2)

- Guernsey VFW, 42 S. Idaho St., Guernsey

Glendo Precinct (3-1)

- Glendo Town Hall, 114 South Yellowstone Hwy., Glendo

Chugwater Precinct (4-1)

- Chugwater Community Center, 311 2nd St., Chugwater

## Precincts:

To know what precinct you are in, please contact the County Clerk's Office by calling 322-2315 or at [www.plattecountywyoing.com/Elections](http://www.plattecountywyoing.com/Elections)

## ID to Vote:

If you vote at the polls on Election Day, you will need to present acceptable identification at your polling place. A list of acceptable ID is available in this guide or online at [www.plattecountywyoing.com/Elections](http://www.plattecountywyoing.com/Elections)

If your legal name does not match an acceptable form of ID, you will need to update your voter registration by

contacting the Clerk's Office, or on Election Day at your polling place!

## Absentee Voting:

Registered voters may request an absentee ballot for either the Primary or General Election at any point (except on Election Day) during the year.

Absentee ballots will become available for those who request them 28 days before election day. For the Primary Election, absentee ballots will be available starting on July 23rd and for the General Election on October 8th.

There are four ways an absentee ballot can be requested:

- In person at the Clerk's Office
- By mailing the application to PO Box 728, Wheatland, WY 82201.
- By emailing [pcelection@plattecountywyoing.com](mailto:pcelection@plattecountywyoing.com)
- By calling the Clerks Office (322-2315).

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office before 7:00 PM on Election Day to be counted!

## Running for Office:

A list of those who are running for office is available online or in the County Clerk's Office.

If you are interested in running for a school board position, or other special district boards, the period to file for those positions is August 7 – August 26.

For more information on who is running, or how to file for an office, please visit our website at:

[www.plattecountywyoing.com/Elections/CandidateInformation](http://www.plattecountywyoing.com/Elections/CandidateInformation)

## Registering to Vote:

If you are not already registered, you may do so at the County Clerk's Office or at the polls on Election Day.

Here are the qualifications to register:

- 18 years of age on Election Day;
- U.S. Citizen;
- Resident of Wyoming and the precinct in which you register;
- Not convicted of a felony, or if convicted, has had civil or voting rights restored;
- Not be adjudicated mentally incompetent;
- Provide your valid Wyoming driver's license;
- If you do not have your current valid driver's license with you, you must provide the driver's license number and additional acceptable identification;
- If you have not been issued a Wyoming driver's license or yours is expired, you must provide:
  - A statement to that effect on the registration application;
  - The last four digits of your social security number;
  - Additional acceptable identification.

## Political Affiliation:

Currently registered voters are not able to change their party affiliation on Election Day. The last day for currently registered voters to change their party affiliation was May 15th. You will be able to change affiliation after the Primary Election.

New registrants will be able to affiliate with a political party of their choice when registering.

# PRESENT IT AT THE POLLS.



**Primary Election:  
August 20th**

**General Election:  
November 5th**

**Wyoming voters are now required to show one of the following acceptable forms of ID when voting in person:**

- **WY Driver's License or ID Card**
- **WY Permit to Carry a Concealed Firearm**
- **Tribal ID Card**
- **US Passport**
- **US Military Card**
- **DL or ID Card from Another State**
- **University of Wyoming Student ID**
- **Wyoming Community College Student ID**
- **Wyoming Public School Student ID**
- **Valid Medicare Insurance Card**
- **Valid Medicaid Insurance Card**

**No ID? No problem. You can obtain a free ID Card from your local Driver Services**

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# How to Stay Safe While Enjoying Summer

## Choices You Won't Regret

By following these tips, you can ensure that your summer fun doesn't turn into a series of regrettable decisions. Remember, responsible drinking is about making choices that keep you and those around you safe.

1. **Know Your Limits:** Drink mindfully and be aware of how much alcohol your body can handle.
2. **Eat Before and While Drinking:** Keep your stomach full to help manage your alcohol intake.
3. **Stay Hydrated:** Water is your best friend. Drink it frequently.
4. **Avoid Mixing Substances:** Stick to one type of drink and avoid combining alcohol with other substances.
5. **Plan a Safe Ride Home:** Make transportation arrangements before you start drinking.
6. **Never Provide Alcohol to Someone Underage:** Keep the party safe and legal for everyone involved.

Summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and making memories. However, it's important to ensure that those memories are ones you won't regret, especially when alcohol is involved. Here are some essential tips for staying safe while enjoying alcohol responsibly.

### Know Your Limits

Understanding your own alcohol tolerance is crucial. Everyone's limits are different, and it's important to know how much you can consume without losing control. Overestimating your tolerance can lead to dangerous situations.

### Eat Before and While Drinking

Consuming food before and during drinking can slow the absorption of alcohol into your bloodstream, helping you stay in control. Opt for meals rich in proteins and healthy fats to stabilize your blood sugar levels.

### Stay Hydrated

Drink plenty of water before, during, and after drinking alcohol. Staying hydrated helps you maintain control and reduces the risk of overconsumption. Make it a habit to alternate between alcoholic beverages and water.

### Avoid Mixing Substances

Mixing alcohol with other substances, including medications, can have unpredictable and harmful effects. Always check with your healthcare provider if you are on medication. Avoid combining alcohol with any other recreational substances.

### Plan a Safe Ride Home

Before you start drinking, have a plan for how you will get home safely. Whether it's designating a sober driver, using public transportation, or calling a ride-sharing service, make sure you have a safe way to get home.

### Never Provide Alcohol to Someone Underage

Providing alcohol to individuals under the legal drinking age is not only illegal but also irresponsible. It can lead to severe consequences for both you and the underage person involved.

## Additional Safety Tips

### CAR SAFE

Always designate a sober driver if you plan to drink.

### SUN SAFE

Drink plenty of water and use sunscreen if you're outdoors. Seek shade and wear protective clothing to avoid sunburn and dehydration.

### FIRE SAFE

If you're grilling or using fireworks, ensure someone sober is in charge.

Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and follow safety guidelines to prevent accidents.

### STREET SMARTS

When walking home from a party, stay in well-lit areas and be aware of your surroundings. Wear reflective materials and carry a flashlight if you're out after dark.



# Creating MEMORIES without REGRET

**Lead by example this summer. Show your family and friends that responsible behavior doesn't hinder fun—it adds to it.  
Let's make this summer one to remember for all the right reasons.**

•• [www.plattecountyprevention.com](http://www.plattecountyprevention.com) ••

# How to Stay Safe

## Important Points:

1. Unintentional injury remains the number one killer of children in the United States with more than 2,000 children dying each summer from injuries that could have been prevented.
2. The five most common ways for child unintentional injury deaths are in order:
  - Drowning
  - Biking
  - Falls
  - Motor Vehicle Activities
  - Pedestrian Incidents

Wyoming has the lowest child unintentional injury death rate in the Nation.

### CAR SAFE

#### Face Back

- Infants should ride in rear-facing car seats as long as possible, and at least until 12 months old and 20 pounds.

#### Face Front

- Children who weigh 20-40 pounds should be correctly secured in a forward-facing car seat.

#### Boost it up

- Children over 40 pounds should be correctly secured in a booster seat or other appropriate child restraint until an adult safety belt fits correctly - at least 4'9 tall and 80-100 pounds.

### PLAY SAFE

#### Safe play around the home

- Put window guards on all windows above the first floor. Don't let kids play around open windows; keep furniture away from windows so kids can't climb to the ledge.
- Don't let kids play on balconies, roofs or fire escapes.
- Install safety gates at the top and bottom of every staircase. Gates that attach to the wall with hardware are more secure than the kind held in place by pressing against the walls.

#### Safe play in the playground

- Make sure that outdoor play equipment is in good condition and securely anchored. The ground should be covered with shredded rubber, hardwood fiber mulch or fine sand - grass and soil are too hard.
- Provide active supervision (undivided attention) to kids on the playground and make sure they only use age-appropriate equipment.
- Insist that kids wear the right protective gear, properly fitted, when playing and practicing sports.

### SWIM SAFE

- Never take your eyes off children in the pool - even for a moment. If you're in a group, appoint a designated "water watcher," taking turns with other adults.
- While supervising kids, stay alert and avoid distractions like reading or the telephone.
- Tie back your children's long hair securely to guard against drain entanglement.
- Don't rely on "water wings" or other inflatable toys. If your child can't swim, stay within an arm's reach.
- Empty inflatable wading pools (kiddie pools) after use.
- Learn infant and child CPR.

#### Street Smarts

- Teach them to cross the street at the corner, use traffic signals or crosswalks and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

#### Be Seen

- Dress them in reflective materials and have them carry a flashlight at dawn, dusk and in rain or fog.

### BIKE SAFE

#### ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET

**Teach your child the right way to wear a helmet. In a bike crash, the risk of head injury is doubled if the helmet is worn incorrectly. Take the "Eyes, Ears and Mouth test:**

- The rim of the helmet should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.
- The straps should form a "V" just below the ear lobe with the buckle and straps flat against the skin.
- The strap should feel snug when the rider's mouth is open.
- Remember that your child needs to see you wear a helmet when you ride.

*Let kids pick out their own helmets. A helmet that looks cool is more likely to stay on the child's head when you're not looking.*

### SUN SAFE

#### Limit Sun Exposure

Wear protective clothing

Wear wide-brimmed hats

Seek shade under umbrellas or shady trees

#### Use Sunscreen

- Sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes before going outside and reapplied every 2 hours.
- If you're outside for long stretches of time, carry a water bottle. drink fluids regularly, and don't push your limits

### FIRE SAFE

#### Fireworks

- Stick with public fire-work displays handled by professionals.

#### Grilling

- Children should always be closely supervised when food is being cooked indoors or outdoors.
- Be aware that gas leaks, blocked tubes, and overfilled propane tanks cause most gas grill fires and explosions.

### INSECT SAFE

- Be sure to wear insect repellent to ward off mosquitoes and ticks. But insect repellent should not be used on babies, and on children should contain no more than 10 percent DEET.

*Summer is the deadliest time of year for kids.*

# **IS IT WORTH SENDING THAT TEXT?**

**ARRIVE SAFELY.  
PAY ATTENTION  
TO THE ROAD  
NOT YOUR  
DISTRACTIONS.**

**JUST DRIVE.**



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