



IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

Please Use Caution When Helping People to Register to Vote and to Vote!



As you do the exciting and important work of educating Mainers on voting and voter registration, please be sure everyone understands that **ONLY U.S. citizens may register or vote**. And that, for non-citizens, a mistake can have serious consequences under U.S. immigration laws.

Under federal law, people who are not U.S. citizens, but who register to vote OR who vote in any U.S. election (including local, state, and federal elections) can be deported. The law does not excuse non-citizens who misunderstood the eligibility laws, or who were told or helped by others to register or vote. It even applies to those who passed their citizenship test and interview but are not yet sworn in as U.S. citizens.

Please be sure everyone understands that the term “U. S. citizen” on Maine’s voter registration form is a legal term, and does not mean “resident” or “person living in the U.S.”