# Mail Voting

Many Prince William County voters receive their ballot via mail and our office follows a rigorous process to ensure the custody, secrecy, and accuracy of each mail ballot.  This is an important service, especially for our many military and overseas voters.

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🔒 Security Protocols
✅ Double-Checked
🎖 Certification Required
👁 Observable Process
🐘🐴 Bipartisan Process

## Personal Information Secured 🔒

Mail voters are required to provide their birth year and last four digits of their social security number to verify their identity. Our ballot envelopes are specially designed to protect this information while in transit.

## Mail Ballot Envelopes are Verified Four Times  ✅ 👁 🐘🐴

All mail ballots are reviewed four times before being processed – an initial visual check of the required information, two reviews for verification against the voter registration database, and a final review by a bipartisan election officer team.

## Ballot Envelopes Keep Your Ballot Secret  🔒 🐘🐴

The staff and election officers who review and handle mail ballots cannot see how a voter has voted as the ballot remains sealed until it has been verified.  Only then is the ballot removed from the envelope by an election officer.

## Voter History is Verified  ✅ 👁

To prevent double voting, mail ballots are checked against the pollbook to verify the voter has not previously voted in this election.  Names are read aloud and the process is observed.

## Mail Ballots Are Highly Secure 🔒

Mail ballots are stored in a secure room with an alarm and motion sensors.  Access to that room is limited and tracked.
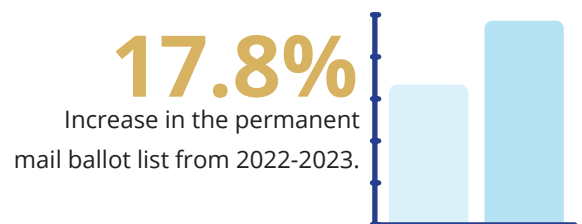
## Track Your Own Ballot  ✅ 👁

You can sign up online to track your own mail ballot.

## Quick Stats

**More than**
**24K+**
Mail ballots sent for the 2023 General Election.

**17.8%**
Increase in the permanent mail ballot list from 2022-2023.

**4**
Number of times each mail ballot's information is verified

### Did You Know?

Our high-speed scanner scans nearly 100 ballots per minute.  It matched the Election Day scanners to the exact ballot in a 2023 primary recount.