



Prepare for Safe Elections

Four steps that state-based election protection leaders can take to get ready for elections

Planning and training can create the conditions for communities including voters, poll volunteers, canvassers, organizers, and others to stay safe during the election season.

STEP 1

Send a staff member or team to Vision Change Win's two-part electoral safety training or BOOTS.

[Vision Change Win](#), a BIPOC-led social justice consulting organization, is holding regular virtual training sessions. The two-part series includes:

- **101** — Introduction to Electoral Safety, De-escalation, and Safety for Canvassers (Virtual, live synchronous)
Final training opportunity **August 20, 2024**
- **201** — Organizational Security Culture, Building Security Protocols, and Safety for Electoral Organizers (Recorded, asynchronous)

[Register for VCW's Electoral Safety Training Series](#)

STEP 2

Do post-training follow-up with VCW

VCW offers post-training support and resources to anyone who attends the 101 and 201 trainings.

- **Regular drop-in office hours** —Offered weekly. Dedicated time to answer pressing questions and provide coaching on immediate and ongoing needs. Participants can sign up for office hours as needed following the trainings.
- **Online rapid response system** —Provides community safety rapid response support to organizations and leaders who are experiencing and/or anticipating community safety. Participants can submit tickets as needed.
- Interested in building a safety team and looking for training support? Fill out this [interest form](#)

STEP 3

Apply for VCW's Training for Trainers (TforT)

If you have intermediate or advanced safety and security experience, you may be eligible for the [Electoral Safety Training for Trainers](#). Attend this training to learn more about building a safety team, training your team, and developing protocols for your team. **The Training for Trainers will take place virtually on Thursday, August 29, 1-7pm EST**

[Apply to attend the TforT by AUGUST 19](#)

If you have beginner-level safety and security experience, reach out to us to learn more about joining or supporting an existing team.

STEP 4

Train your team and community

After attending the Training for Trainers, connect with your election protection network or organization to plan and arrange a training to prepare for the election period.

Questions about coordinating or facilitating a training? Contact: safety@visionchangewin.org

Additionally, you can contact the [Bridging Divides Initiative](#) (bdi@princeton.edu) to be publicly or privately listed as a trainer in the [De-escalation and Community Safety directory](#).



Looking to connect with a trainer instead? Consult the BDI directory or reach out to Vision Change Win to connect with state-based national trainers to train your team.

Looking for last-minute training support?

Check out these Blitz dates or consult the [BDI directory](#) or contact [Vision Change Win](#) to connect with state-based national trainers to train your team.

Blitz training dates:

- September 3, or October 1, 2024, 6:30-8 pm EST (Organizational Safety ONLY)
- September 17, or October 15, 2024, 6:30-8 pm EST (Electoral Safety Teams ONLY)

