

“Safe to Vote”

With a federal election coming up, some people experiencing domestic and family violence may be considering whether or not it is safe to vote. Given our compulsory voting system, we don't believe people should have to choose between safety or a fine. Below is some information about voting options that consider safety.

Voting Options

For people in refuges or at a temporary address

Federal Election – 18 May 2019

Pre-poll voting

Pre-poll centres for the Federal Election opened from Monday 29 April. According to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) you can vote early at a pre-poll centre in your electorate for a range of reasons including if, on election day, you:

- “are more than 8km from a polling place”
- “are a silent elector”
- “have a reasonable fear for your safety”

If you are not enrolled to vote or you are uncertain about your enrolment status, you can check this online: <https://check.aec.gov.au/>

If you are not enrolled to vote and/or you are concerned about providing an address to the electoral commission, there are a couple of options you could consider:

1. Enrol as a ‘Silent elector’: https://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/pdf/forms/silent/er022sw-nsw.pdf
2. Enrol with ‘No fixed address’: https://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/pdf/forms/no-fixed-address/er016nfaw-nsw-2019.pdf

Postal voting

You can apply to **vote by post** by completing an online application form on the Australian Electoral Commission website: <https://aec.gov.au/election/pva.htm>

Alternatively you can complete a form provided to you by the AEC or a candidate and upload this online: <https://formupload.aec.gov.au/Form?FormId=postalVote>

Applications to vote by post close at 6pm on Wednesday 15 May, 2019.