

Don't be Scared Out of Voting Fact Check on Myths and Rumors

Most folks CAN vote. Don't let scare stories get you to sleep in on Election Day. Elections are a big deal – you can't always get what you want but if you don't vote, you don't even have a chance. The only way to play is to get in the game.

There are lots of lies floating around our community to scare our people out of voting. Let's name the lies and put out the truth:

Lie: You can never vote again once you are convicted of felony.

Truth: In Wisconsin, once you have completed your sentence and are “off paper” (no longer on probation or parole), your right to vote is **restored**. So, **USE it! After all**, you know a lot about how the government works. Or doesn't.

Lie: If you are on probation or parole for a misdemeanor, you can't vote until you are “off paper”.

Truth: Misdemeanors **don't count** - period. Only felony convictions count for voting.

Lie: If you have city tickets or unpaid city fines you can't vote.

Truth: City tickets or prosecutions or fines **don't count** - period.

Lie: If you have warrants out for anything (child support, skipping court...), you can't vote.

Truth: Warrants **don't count** and won't stop you from voting. Only if you are still a **felon** “on paper” and your P.O. has a warrant out would it even be a concern. But you can't vote anyway if you are a **felon on paper**. So, don't worry about warrants!

Lie: They check for warrants at the voting place when you go to sign in to vote. That's what those books are for.

Truth: No way. The **only** thing they check for is names and addresses to see if it all matches up.

Lie: You have to be registered already for 10 days before you can vote.

Truth: You can register on voting day at the voting/polling place.

Any questions? Call the people at **286 - VOTE**. They'll give you the straight story!

This little fact check is put out by the Hilltop/Valley Get Out the Vote people.