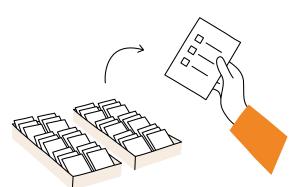
Protecting your voter secrecy

In Sweden, elections are free and direct, and ballots are secret. A secret ballot means that you do not need to tell anyone how you have voted. No one else can decide how you should vote.



Selecting your ballot paper alone

The ballot papers are in a screened-off area, so you can make your selection in privacy. **You must be alone** when you select your ballot paper.

Alone at the polling booth

When you have selected your ballot paper, you should prepare your vote. At that point, you must be alone at the polling booth.

No one can trace your vote back to you.

When you have prepared your vote, the poll clerks will receive it and ensure that it is kept in a safe place. When your vote is counted, no one will able to trace it back to you.

You can only bring someone with you into the screened-off area if you need help with collecting your ballot paper or preparing your vote due to a disability, for example.

