

The Mason County Auditor's office is happy to welcome people to observe the processing of ballots. Due to space limitations, we can accommodate two observers from each political party at a time. We will post our ballot processing schedule at the [masoncountyelections.us](http://masoncountyelections.us) website at least two days in advance and ask that the parties inform us of who will be observing and their hours at least one day in advance. Please email the list of observers and times to [elections@masoncountywa.gov](mailto:elections@masoncountywa.gov)

Observers must follow these rules:

- Must check in and wear a badge at all times.
- Must not disrupt or interfere with any process.
  - Examples of interference might include obstructing voters' or staff path, engaging in conversation with voters or staff, electioneering by wearing campaign clothing, buttons, or other paraphernalia while observing.
- Must not touch any machinery, equipment, supplies, or ballots.
- Must stay within the designated observer areas.
- Must not talk to or ask any questions of Elections staff. Questions may be directed to: County Auditor Paddy McGuire or Elections Superintendent Marie Stevenson
- Must limit conversations and discussions with other observers.
- Must not take pictures or use cell phones or electronic devices.
- Must not bring food or drink into the facility. (A closed-lid water bottle is allowed as long as it is kept away from work areas.)
- Must not record any information regarding votes on ballots.
- Must follow requests from the Auditor, Elections Manager, Elections Supervisor, or designated area lead.

If any observer or visitor cannot follow the above rules, they will be asked to leave the facility.