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Under Washington State law, the signature on your return envelope must match the signature that's on your voter registration record for your ballot to be counted. That means we check every single signature on every single return envelope in every single election. Each election, many ballots are returned either without a signature or with a signature that doesn't quite match.

Don't let that be you.

Here are a few tips to help make sure your signature passes the check and your ballot gets counted –

- If you register online, we pull your signature from the Dept. of Licensing, so check the signature on your drivers' license or state ID and try to match that as closely as you can.
- Your signature does not need to be written in cursive or nicely or even legibly, it just needs to match the one that we already have on file. If you have a chicken scratch signature, that's okay! Just make sure you scratch it out the same way each time you vote.
- If you have no ideas what signature you might have used or it has been a while and your signature has changed, you can always update your signature simply by returning a paper voter registration form. You can download a paper registration form at: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/print-voter-registration-forms.aspx>
- Track your ballot status to ensure that it gets counted. If there is an issue with your signature, you will see it there on the online ballot tracker. You'll find the ballot tracker on our My Voter Information tool at: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

If there is an issue with your signature not matching or if you just plain forgot to sign we will send you a letter. In addition, we will reach out if we have your current phone number. To make sure your ballot is counted, you'll need to fill out and return a simple form before 4:30 pm on Monday, November 22.

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