

WE THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE – anything to report in your community?

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Information to look out for

Before Election Day

In your community are people being:

- Forced to do what they do not want to do
- Threatened with violence
- Beaten up and assaulted

In your community are there:

- Suspicious people moving in your area
- Any political bases
- Political parties not able to campaign freely
- People being given things during campaigns
- People threatening violence if a party does not win

On Election Day

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In your community are people:

- Not able to get to polling stations freely
- Being questioned or asked to queue in a certain manner
- Being bussed to the polling station
- Being asked if and how they voted
- Noticing traditional leaders playing a role in elections
- Not being allowed to vote or not able to vote

At your polling station are there:

- ZEC officers and police who are not listening to people's complaints
- Voting slips being used to vote
- Ballot papers outside the polling station
- People being assisted to vote
- Any suspicious movements around ballot boxes
- Any political bases

After Election Day

In your community are there:

- Delays in announcing and posting voting results at polling stations
- Any beatings and threats linked to election results
- People asking how you or anyone else voted
- Any political bases
- Any suspicious people moving around

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Types of violation

- People being forced to do what they do not want to do – code green
- People being threatened with violence – code orange
- There has been violence – code red
- Electoral malpractices – forced to vote, queue, registration – code black
- All – code white

Telephone numbers to contact – all messages and calls to these numbers are FREE (at no cost to you)

- From any line, phone us on 08677 007 479
- If you use an Econet line, send a free SMS message to 08080240
- If you use a Net One line, send a free SMS message to 08010085

When you call tell us the colour code of the incident and where you are calling from. We will respond to all your messages and calls.

Safety and security tips

1. You can take simple but important steps to protect yourself and help others at the same time. The first and more important one is always to have a plan to stay safe.
2. The safety of your family is very important. You should take the time to talk with your family about any safety concerns.
3. Your neighbours and your community can work together to keep each other safe. Together you should make a plan.
4. Sometimes even though you have made a plan you might be in a dangerous situation.
5. You always want to have some emergency items prepared in case there is an emergency and you have to leave your home.

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6. Sometimes people get hurt or sick and it is hard to get to a clinic. You can be a helper and call the members at the front for help.
7. In a dangerous situation your property may be destroyed or stolen or your home may be damaged. You can take important steps to record what has happened.
8. Sometimes violence happens and people get hurt or even killed. You can take important steps to record what has happened and share the information.