



# NEW JERSEY TRUSTED SOURCES

A **Trusted Source** is an authoritative entity that provides accurate and reliable information, particularly crucial in the context of elections.

**Trusted Sources** play a vital role in maintaining public confidence in the electoral process by supporting transparency and fairness, helping voters make informed decisions, and understanding the democratic process.

## The Role of a Trusted Source

**TRUSTED SOURCES** combat false information and influence campaigns by providing and promoting accurate, verified information to the public and detecting various types of false information, whether spread intentionally or unintentionally, including:

### MISINFORMATION

False information that is not created or shared with the intention of causing harm.

### DISINFORMATION

False information intended to mislead, harm, or manipulate a person, social group, organization, or country.

### MALINFORMATION

Information based on fact but used out of context to mislead, harm, or manipulate.

## Where Does False Information Spread?

Social Media Platforms	Unverified News Websites	Chat & Online Forums
Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, Tiktok, etc.	Sites that lack editorial oversight or credibility	Rumor Mills, Blogs, & Messaging Apps (e.g., Reddit & Telegram)

## Trusted Sources in New Jersey Elections

**New Jersey Secretary of State**  
The Chief Election Official of the state.

**New Jersey Division of Elections**  
Oversees key administrative and operational duties in the election process.

**New Jersey County Election Officials**  
(County Clerk, Board & Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration)  
Implements county election procedures, manages voter registration, conducts elections, and ensures compliance with state and federal laws.

## 7 Steps to Fact-Checking

Use this checklist to ensure the information you find is accurate and reliable:

- VERIFY THE SOURCE:**  
Check if the information comes from a trusted and credible source. 
- CHECK THE DATE:**  
Ensure the information is current and not outdated. 
- CROSS-REFERENCE:**  
Ensure the information is current and not outdated. 
- LOOK FOR BIAS:**  
Identify if the source has any potential bias or agenda. 
- CHECK THE AUTHOR:**  
Research the author's credentials and background. 
- EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE:**  
Look for supporting evidence and verify the facts presented. 
- BE SKEPTICAL:**  
Approach sensational or emotionally charged information with skepticism. 

