

Elections BC is conducting a survey with 1,275 registered or eligible voters, who will be contacted through the telephone or registered mail. The purpose of this survey is to assess the coverage and currency of the voters list.

The survey begins mid-August 2011 and finish at the end of September 2011. BC Stats, the Province's statistical agency, is conducting the survey on behalf of Elections BC.

Through the survey, participants will be asked to verify or provide the following information:

- Voter name
- Current home and mailing address
- Date of birth

The results of the survey will help Elections BC evaluate the steps it takes to ensure the integrity of the voters list and to evaluate its enumeration process.

The personal information provided through the survey is protected under the *Election Act*, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and the *Statistics Act*, and is **not** shared or used for any purpose other than to improve voters list integrity.

Questions and Answers:

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How is my response going to be used?	<p>The information provided through your response will be used to measure and improve the quality of voters list.</p> <p>Registration and updates to a voter registration may be done at the time of voting.</p> <p>The information may be shared with Elections Canada but will not be shared or used for any purpose other than to improve voters list integrity.</p>
What is the purpose of this survey?	<p>This survey provides a means to measure the accuracy of the provincial voters list. This is important to ensure that electoral events are administered effectively and efficiently.</p>
What is the provincial voters list?	<p>The provincial voters list is a list of British Columbians who are qualified and registered to vote. It contains basic information about each voter – name, address and date of birth. The information in the provincial voters list is used for provincial electoral events. It may also be used to help produce voters lists for federal and municipal elections, as</p>

	permitted by British Columbia's <i>Election Act</i> and other provincial and federal statutes.
Where did you get my information?	<p>A random sample of voters was selected from the provincial voters list for this study.</p> <p>The provincial voters list is updated with information (name, address and date of birth) supplied by provincial and federal data sources between elections and by voters themselves during:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enumerations 2. provincial, federal and municipal elections or by-elections 3. referenda, and 4. direct contact to Elections BC or its website. <p>Elections BC has signed agreements with data suppliers, including the Insurance Corporation of B.C. and Vital Statistics. The voters list is also updated using Elections Canada's National Register of Electors.</p> <p>Elections Canada has signed agreements with data suppliers, including the Canada Revenue Agency, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, provincial and territorial registrars of motor vehicles and vital statistics, and provincial electoral agencies with permanent voters lists. Lists of electors from provincial and territorial elections are also used to update the National Register.</p>
Why would I take part in this survey?	The results of the survey will be used to assess the provincial voters list, which is used at every provincial election. Since only a limited number of people will be involved in the study, your participation is extremely important to ensure that the quality of the voters list can be accurately assessed.
How will my answers be kept confidential?	No individual answers will be publicly reported. The privacy of all information in the provincial voters list is protected by British Columbia's <i>Election Act</i> , <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> , and section 9 of the <i>Statistics Act</i> . Improper use of the information is an offence.
How does a mailing address differ from a home (residential) address?	Your mailing address is the one you commonly use to receive mail, and may include a PO box number, rural route or other specific mailing information. Elections BC needs this address to mail you information such as the Where To Vote card during elections. Your home (residential) address is the one used to indicate your residence, and usually consists of a building number, street name and community name.
Who is phoning?	<p>Elections BC has commissioned BC Stats to do the quality survey.</p> <p>R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd is phoning on behalf of</p>

	Elections BC. R.A. Malatest has been hired by BC Stats to conduct the phone survey.
How can I ensure the legitimacy of the survey?	You can call a voter registration representative of Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or TTY: 1-888-456-5448.
What do you mean by "Street Direction"?	"Street Direction" refers to the directional value defined within an address. Only some addresses have a directional defined, for example, W 1 st , Ave, Vancouver, or 3 rd St W, North Vancouver.