



How to Safeguard

Elections in South Africa?



The Electoral Commission is working with different stakeholders to safeguard the Elections. Building partnerships with key stakeholders to protect electoral integrity. Maintaining communication with political parties and the public. Combating misinformation and disinformation. Respecting the Electoral Code of Conduct.



Political Liaison Committee

- A Political Liaison Committee (PLC) serves as a formal forum for consultation and cooperation between the Electoral Commission, political parties, and independent representatives to discuss electoral matters.
- Its primary purpose is to facilitate communication, promote cooperation, resolve potential conflicts, and ensure the delivery of free and fair elections by involving all registered political parties and independents in the electoral process.



Political Agents

- They represent political parties or independent candidates at the voting station to monitor and observe election proceedings at the following four points, ensuring transparency and fairness:
 - ✓ Where voters submit their identity documents.
 - ✓ Where voters' hands are marked with indelible ink.
 - ✓ Where ballot papers are handed over to voters.
 - ✓ Where assistance is provided to certain voters.
- Accompany and observe casting of special votes.
- Append their signatures to ballot boxes and results slip, if they so wish.
- Comply with an order issued by a member of security services.



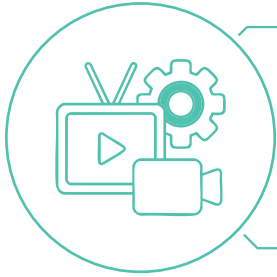
Observers (Domestic and International)

- Both domestic and international observers play a crucial role in ensuring that Elections are transparent, free and fair.
- They are available tool in improving the quality of elections.
- They build confidence in the honesty of the electoral process.
- They promote and protect the civil and political rights of participants in elections.
- Promote an environment conducive to free and fair elections.



The Role of Security Services

- To ensure the safety of the voters, electoral staff, and election material.
- To maintain law and order during elections within and around the voting station boundary.
- To escort security material when available.
- To enforce rules against vandalising and defacing of campaigning material.



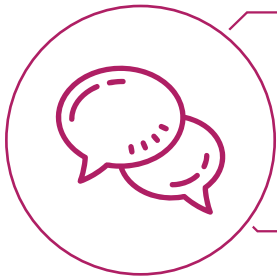
Media

- Objectively and equally covers what the candidates are saying.
- Provide Educational content about elections.
- Monitor election transparency and highlight breaches.



Electoral Staff

- To coordinate and manage the electoral process at the voting stations by ensuring that Elections are free, fair and credible.
- To administer the voting and counting process at the voting station.



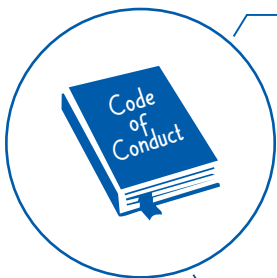
Maintain Open Communication

- IEC keeps political parties, candidates, agents and the public informed through regular updates.
- Use transparent messaging to build trust in the electoral process.



Combat Misinformation and Disinformation

- Identify false or misleading information that could influence voters or undermine confidence.
- Use fact-checking mechanisms and timely corrections to mitigate the spread.




Respect the Electoral Code of Conduct

- The Electoral Commission is the referee in the electoral field:
 - ✓ Ensures and promotes fair play, respect for laws, and ethical campaigning.
 - ✓ Encourages adherence among all participants to ensure a peaceful and credible election.
 - ✓ Ensures that Parties and Candidates participates fairly in elections.
- All parties, candidates, agents and party members are expected to stick to the Code of Conduct. Anyone who breaks it will commit a crime and can be prosecuted.

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