

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

WE WILL PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

The Independent Electoral Commission is here to make sure that you can vote the way you want to, without fear of intimidation or violence. We will ensure that you can hear all points of view from all parties and make your own decision about who you want to vote for.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

All the parties taking part in the election have agreed to condemn violence, support voter education and tell their members to support the rights of all voters. If anybody breaks these rules, we can punish them with fines up to R100 000, or stop them campaigning for voters or even bar them from the election.

MONITORING THE POLLS

We will have over 10 000 monitors making sure that everybody follows the rules of the Code of Conduct. So there should be at least one monitor to every polling station in the country. If they see anything wrong, or if you tell them about any problems or

difficulties, they will have full authority to act against any person, party or group that is trying to influence the voting in an illegal way.

AGREEING THE RESULTS

The IEC itself is being constantly monitored by teams of local and international organisations to ensure its independence and neutrality. So when the results are announced, the IEC has to be able to say that they have not been tampered with and the results are substantially correct.

IEC TOLLFREE
0800-11-8000

Call this number if you have any questions or if you need any information about the election process



FREEDOM OF SPEECH

The IEC will provide monitors and observers to check that nobody's opinion has been shouted down, so that you can hear all parties express their

views. At the same time, you must allow others to say what they think, even if you don't agree with it.

YOUR GUARANTEE

The IEC is bringing considerable powers and a vast number of people to bear on the task of making sure that your vote is secret and free. We will do everything possible to prevent violence and intimidation happening. But, in the end, you are the one who will guarantee your own free and fair choice. Once you are in the polling booth with your voting paper and pencil, nobody can know how you vote except you.

The Code of Conduct has been agreed to by all the parties who are taking part in the elections. If anybody breaks the rules, they are not acting in the best interests of the party they support and they are definitely acting against the principles of democracy that the IEC is here to uphold.

If you have any queries or problems, do not hesitate to call our tollfree number.

