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# Overwhelming majority of ballot boxes are secure, rare for ballots to be lost or destroyed

“It’s not unusual for a voter to call you and say, ‘My dog ate my ballot, I spilled coffee on it,’ and you would issue the voter a new ballot,” said [Jennifer Morrell](#), a former Utah and Colorado state election official who is now chief executive officer of The Elections Group, which does election consulting. Practices vary by state, but election officials typically count the first ballot received, so even in cases in which a voter fills out a replacement ballot despite a first ballot already having been counted, the replacement would not be counted. If a voter submits two ballots, election officials would flag the incident for authorities responsible for investigating election offenses, Morrell said.”

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