



As survivors, we are entitled to vote without sacrificing our safety. Our voices will be heard, our stories will not be ignored, and our votes will be counted.

If you are a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, **Maine's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** can help protect your privacy and provide a way to exercise your right to vote safely.

WHAT IS AN ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)?

Address Confidentiality Programs (ACP) protect survivors and their families from harmful individuals by providing a legal substitute address to use instead of their existing address.

ACP addresses are NOT public record and may be used for court and government records (e.g., driver's licenses; voter registration; etc.). The ACP forwards all first-class, registered, and certified mail to a survivor's real address, free of charge.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- + Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking who recently moved or plan to move to an address unknown to the abuser and not contained in any public record.
 - + A parent or guardian of a minor or an individual who is incapacitated.
 - + Minor victims of kidnapping.

5 ME Rev Stat § 90-B. Address Confidentiality Program

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Meeting in person with a certified Application Assistant at any **designated agency**.
 - a. Bring your photo ID to your appointment
 - b. You must provide your real address to apply
2. The Assistant will send your application to the Secretary of State for review.
3. Once approved for ACP, you will receive a designated address and an authorization card with your name, authorization code, ACP address, and expiration date. ACP certification is effective for four (4) years unless you cancel it.
4. All first-class mail received will be immediately forwarded to you.
5. No documents are necessary to prove eligibility, but you must declare that disclosing your address threatens your or your children's safety.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Secretary of State.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE MAINE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

HOW WOULD I REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION?

As an ACP participant, you will register to vote absentee using your confidential address and voter code. Register by submitting a completed registration application to the **elections division of the Secretary of State's Office**.

Key considerations when registering to vote:

1. List your voter code instead of your first and last name on the application.
2. List your confidential address on the application instead of your real address.
3. Make sure to include your certification expiration date on your application.

HOW WOULD I CAST MY BALLOT AND KEEP MY INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL?

Upon acceptance into the ACP, you will receive a welcome packet with instructions for confidential voting. This includes a confidential registration number you'll use during absentee voting for state and federal elections.

Using your confidential registration number when you vote absentee will keep your voter information private.

HOW WILL MY INFORMATION SHOW UP IN A FUTURE VOTER REGISTRATION SEARCH?

As a Maine ACP voter, your information will not appear on public voter lists. Instead, a 4-digit confidential code that is associated with your ACP certification number will appear.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY PREVIOUS REGISTRATION HAS OR MAY HAVE BEEN POSTED ONLINE?

Your information cannot be removed from the registry under state law. ME allows the following organizations and individuals to request voter files:

- + Political parties
- + Organizations engaged in GOTV efforts
- + Current office holders
- + Governmental or quasi-government entities for authorized activities
- + A law enforcement officer or agency that makes a written request for bona fide law enforcement purposes

The following information is included in the voter file:

- + Your name
- + Residence address
- + Mailing address
- + Date of birth
- + Enrollment status
- + Electoral districts
- + Voter status
- + Date of registration
- + Date of change of the voting record
- + Voter participation history
- + Voter record number
- + Any special designations (e.g. UOCAVA voter)

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

For questions about the Maine Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), call **207-626-3845** or **207-626-8400**. You may also visit **Maine's official website**.

For questions about Voter Registration and Voting, call the Secretary of State's Elections Division at **207-624-7650** or email **cec.elections@maine.gov**.