



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, human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, or harassment, the **Maryland Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** can help you protect your privacy and 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?

- + Maryland residents who:
 - + Are survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, or harassment
 - + Recently moved or will move to a new address within 30-days of filing the ACP application
 - + Are the guardian of a minor (under 18 yrs) or disabled person who fears for the safety of their dependent
 - + Reside in the same household as an eligible applicant or program participant

MD State Government Code § 7-303 (2025)-
Maryland Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program.

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. You must contact an Application Assistant by calling the ACP at **410-260-3875**.
 - a. The Assistant will explain what documents you need to apply (e.g., certified law enforcement or court records; documentation from a domestic violence program, religious or medical professional who provided assistance), the program's services, your responsibilities, and help you complete the application.
2. You will mail your completed application to the ACP. Application processing may take up to 10 business days.
3. Upon acceptance, you will receive an information packet and ACP authorization card with your substitute address and unique ACP number.
 - a. Use this information to provide official notice to state and local government agencies when registering to vote.
4. Enrollment lasts four years unless canceled.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Office of the Secretary of State.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE MARYLAND ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

To register to vote, contact the State Board to identify as an ACP voter. The State Board will verify your ACP voter participation and voting precinct with the Secretary.

Due to federal voting regulations, you must provide your real address to only the Director. Your original application and forms will be kept in a locked file that only the Director will have access to.

A record of your registration will be in the statewide voter registration system. This record will use a code generated by the system instead of your residential address. Only this code and your ACP number will appear on public voter lists and reports.

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

Once you are registered as a confidential voter, you should vote absentee. An absentee ballot will be mailed to you for each election you are eligible to vote. This will keep your real address confidential and out of any public record.

The ACP also urges participants not to use the Maryland Motor Voter system because doing so could compromise their actual address records.

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

The Board of Elections can only protect voter registration you establish as a confidential voter. Your previous registrations cannot be removed from the registry.

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

Once you register as a confidential voter through The State Board of Elections, your information will not be a part of any public records.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + For questions about Maryland Safe at Home, call **1-800-633-9657 Ext. 3875**
- + For questions about voting, contact your county board of elections. **[Click here for a list of contact information by county.](#)**