



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, the **Massachusetts 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 who:
 - + Are Massachusetts residents
 - + Can verify that sharing their new address threatens their safety
 - + Recently relocated or plan to relocate to a new Massachusetts city/town
 - + Confirm their abuser does not know the new/planned address
 - + Have not made their new address part of any public record
 - + Have not filed for mail forwarding with USPS or updated their new address with the DMV

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HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

- 1. Meeting in-person with an Application Assistant**
 - a. To schedule a meeting with an Application Assistant, call **1-866-SAFE-ADD (1-866-723-3233)**.
 - b. Bring a photo ID to your appointment
- 2. Complete the Application**
 - a. Your assistant will help you complete your application.
- 3. Submit the Application**
 - a. Your assistant will submit your application to the Secretary of State.
- 4. ACP Approval**
 - a. Upon approval, the ACP will contact you with your ACP authorization card. This card will notify state and local government agencies that you are an ACP participant.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE MASSACHUSETTS ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

As a Massachusetts ACP participant, you can register to vote for continuous address confidentiality (if you're already a registered voter).

To register, bring your proof of ACP participation to your county's Elections Office and complete a confidential voter registration form in person. The Elections Office will issue you a confidential voter certificate to use when voting at your polling place.

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

Bring your confidential voting certificate to your polling place when you vote in person. Upon check-in, the election officer will give you a ballot.

As a confidential voter, your name and address are not public records and should not be disclosed.

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

If you previously registered to vote in the county, the Secretary of State will erase any previous registration history. This may include all of the following:

- + Removing your residence address and precinct information from all publicly available registration lists.
- + Notifying the Board of Elections of any county where you were previously registered to cancel your previous registration.
- + Notifying the appropriate authority in any state where you are currently registered to cancel your registration.

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

Confidential voter registrations are not public records. Once you are registered as a confidential voter in Massachusetts, your name and address are excluded from public voting lists. The voting list will only include your registration number.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + For questions about the Massachusetts Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) call the ACP at **617-727-3261** or **1-866-SAFE-ADD**
- + For questions about Voter Registration and Voting call the Secretary of the Commonwealth Elections Division at **617-727-2828** or email elections@sec.state.ma.us