



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 **Montana Address Confidentiality Program** 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?

- + An applicant must be a resident of the state of Montana who is:
 - + A survivor of partner family assault, sexual assault, or stalking as defined by **40-15-116, MCA**
 - + A person eligible to petition for an order of protection
 - + A parent or guardian on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.

Subchapter 23.15.5 Address Confidentiality Program

Address Confidentiality Program - Victim Services

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Complete the **Address Confidentiality Program Application and Checklist** and mail your application to the Office of Victim Services (see below PO Box).
 - a. If available, please include documents from 1 of the following:
 - i. Law enforcement, court, or other federal or state agency records or files; (A document from this category is preferred.)
 - ii. A domestic violence or sexual assault program; or
 - iii. A religious, medical, or other professional
 - b. **Your application must be notarized.**
 - c. For help applying, contact a Crime Victim Advocate. To find an Advocate **click here**.
2. Mail your application to:
 - a. ACP, PO Box 201410, Helena, MT, 59620-1410
3. Upon approval, you will receive your ACP Authorization Card with your substitute address which can be used to provide official notice to state and local government agencies when registering to vote.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Montana Attorney General's Office, Office of Victim Services.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE MONTANA ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

As an ACP participant, you can register to vote as a Confidential Voter by going to your **County Treasurer** (elections department). **The ACP urges interested participants to contact them for more information before applying.**

If you indicate on your ACP application that you wish to register or update your registration, the Department of Justice will mail you a form with instructions for how to do so.

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

As an ACP participant, you can vote in person at your local polling place or absentee by mail-in ballot. When you cast your vote you will use your confidential, ACP address instead of your real address.

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 your County Treasurer your information will not appear on any public lists.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + For questions about the ACP contact the Montana Department of Justice
 - + Office of Victim Services - Address Confidentiality Program
 - + Phone: (406) 444-4280

- + For questions about voting contact the Secretary of State Elections Division
 - + Email: soselections@mt.gov
 - + Phone: (406) 444-9608