



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 offense, stalking, or kidnapping, the **New York 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, human trafficking, sexual offense, stalking, or kidnapping who have moved or are planning to move for safety reasons and;
 - + Members of their household (children, partners, parents, or siblings).
- + A parent or legal guardian of a minor or incapacitated person. Must have legal authority to act on the person's behalf.

NY Exec L § 108. *Address Confidentiality Program*

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. **Apply online here** or **complete a PDF application here**. **You do not need additional documents to apply.**
 - a. For help completing the application, contact the ACP toll-free at **(855) 350-4595**.
2. Your completed PDF applications can be mailed or faxed. **Filing instructions are listed on the form.**
3. Once approved, an ACP ID card with your name and substitute address will be mailed to you. State and local government agencies are required to accept your ACP address.
4. Enrollment lasts for 4 years. After that, you may reapply to continue the program.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The New York Secretary of State.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE NEW YORK ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

As an ACP participant, you may apply for an absentee ballot or contact your local **county board of elections** to apply for confidential voter registration.

For confidential voter registration, the county board of elections will ask you to deliver a sworn statement to them stating that you are a **survivor of domestic violence or sexual crime** and wish to have your voter registration record kept confidential.

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

Each county has a different process for keeping ACP voter information confidential. Please contact your **county board of elections** and ask for their confidential registration and special ballot procedures.

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

Each county has a different process for removing ACP voter information from the internet. Please contact your **county board of elections** to ask for their registration removal procedures.

If you wish to remove previous registration records from the internet, contact your **county board of elections** or the **NY Department of Social Services** directly for assistance.

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

ACP voter registration records are kept separate from other voter registration records for 4 years. They are not available for inspection or copying by the public or any other person, except election officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

For questions about the Address Confidentiality Program call the ACP at **(518) 474-7306** (or toll-free at **(855) 350-4595**) or email **acp@dos.ny.gov**.

For questions about voting or voter registration, contact your county board of elections directly. **To find the contact information for your county, click here.**