



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're a survivor of domestic violence, rape or sexual battery, stalking, or human trafficking, **Ohio's Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** can help protect your privacy and provide a way to safely exercise your right to vote.

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, rape or sexual battery, stalking, and human trafficking
- + **Any** household member of an eligible person (e.g., a minor child who lives with an ACP participant)

Title 1, Chapter 111. Address confidentiality program; application to secretary of state.

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Meeting with an Application Assistant who is certified through the Secretary of State's Office (SOS). To find get ACP application assistance:
 - a. Visit [Safe At Home](#) and view the [Survivor Organization directory](#)
 - b. Contact the Secretary of State's Office at (614) 466-2655 or (877) 767-6446; or email at safeathome@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov

Applications are completed in person with a certified Application Assistant who is responsible for mailing the completed application to the SOS.

No documentation is necessary to establish eligibility (i.e., you do not need to provide a police report, medical records, etc.). Instead, you will self-identify as a survivor with a notarized statement. Additionally, the certified Application Assistant will need to provide the SOS with a written recommendation that you participate in the program. SOS will take no more than 10-business days to review your application.

Once approved, you will receive your program participant ID number, ACP authorization card with your substitute address, and a participant packet with information about confidential voter registration.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Ohio Secretary of State's Office.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE OHIO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

Safe at Home program participants may register to vote through the Ohio Secretary of State's Office.

Safe at Home program participants may apply to the Board of Elections of the county in which they reside to request voter registration record confidentiality. In addition to applying, program participants must provide:

1. Information following the requirements of the **National Voter Registration Act of 1993**;
2. Their ACP program participant ID number;
3. A statement authorizing the Director of the Board of Elections to cancel any existing voter registration
4. A statement that verifies the following:
 - a. You understand that as a Safe at Home participant you are required to vote by absentee ballot
 - b. You understand that you should use your program participant identification number on your absentee ballot application *instead of* your existing address.
 - c. You understand that voting in person will reveal your precinct and existing address to precinct election officials, Board of Elections employees, and possibly the public;
 - d. You understand that signing an election petition will make your existing address public.

Provide your actual address to apply. Once you apply, your application is considered your voter registration form; it will be stored securely and accessible to **ONLY** Board of Elections members, the Director, and the Deputy Director

As a Safe at Home ACP participant, your actual address is not public information.

The Director or the Deputy Director will record your participant ID number, **NOT** your actual address, in the Statewide Voter Registration Database and the Official Registration List.

Your information, including your name, will be included in **any pollbook, poll list, or signature pollbook.**

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

Safe at Home participants must vote by absentee ballot. Up to 45 days before an election, the Secretary of State's Office will provide you notice of the following:

- + You must use an absentee ballot to vote;
- + How to cast an absentee ballot;
- + Caution that voting in person will reveal your precinct and actual address to election officials, Board of Elections employees, and possibly the public.

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

If you are currently registered to vote in the county, the Director or the Deputy Director shall do all of the following:

- + Remove your residence address and precinct information from all publicly available registration lists.
- + Notify the Board of Elections of any county where you were previously registered to cancel your previous registration.
- + Notify 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?

As a registered Safe at Home voter, your information will **NOT** appear on public voter registration lists. Vote by mail to avoid any unnecessary disclosure of information.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + Ohio's Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program: the Secretary of State's Office at: (614) 466-2655 or (877) 767-6446; or email: **safeathome@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov**.
- + Voter Registration and Voting: the Ohio Secretary of State Elections Division at: (614) 466-2585 or (877) 767-6446 x1; or **[the Elections Division](#)** online.