



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, stalking, sexual assault, and trafficking and/or abuse, the **Rhode Island Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** can help 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?

- + Survivors of domestic violence or abuse, including but not limited to: sexual assault, stalking, trafficking, child abuse, etc. (Defined by **RI Gen. Laws §42-164-2**)
- + In fear for their / children's / ward's safety
- + Living at or moving to a Rhode Island address unknown to the abuser

Chapter 42-162. Address Confidentiality Program Act

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Click **here** to download and complete an application.
 - a. No additional documentation is needed to prove eligibility.
 - b. You must provide your actual address on the application
 - c. For application assistance, contact the Department (M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm):
 - i. **acp@sos.ri.gov**
 - ii. 401-222-5149
2. Send your application to:
 - a. The Department of State, Attention: ACP
PO Box 6888, Providence, RI 02940
3. Once approved, the Department of State will mail you a letter with your unique ACP identification number. State and local government agencies must accept the substitute address for any public record **unless** they get prior approval from the Department for a waiver or statutory exception.
4. ACP enrollment lasts for five years unless canceled.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE RHODE ISLAND ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

As an ACP participant, you may register to vote by mail using your ACP-provided, substitute address on the mail ballot application. Your ballot will be mailed to the address you put on your application.

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

When you vote with your mail-in ballot, use your substitute ACP address. This will keep your real addresses confidential. No election official can release that information.

R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-28-9. Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence

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

Any previous registration cannot be removed from the registry under state law. Once registered as an ACP voter, your voter registration information will be kept confidential and will not be on any public lists.

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

ACP participant names and addresses are confidential and will not be included in any public list of registered voters.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + For questions about voting contact the Secretary of State's Elections Office (Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.)
 - + Phone: 401-222-2340
 - + TTY: 711
 - + Email: elections@sos.ri.gov
- + For questions about the ACP contact:
 - + Email: acp@sos.ri.gov
 - + Phone: 401-222-5149