



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 violence, human trafficking, stalking, or child abduction the **Virginia Safe at Home 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?

- + Eligible applicants are Virginia residents who:
 - + Are 18 years or older **OR** an emancipated minor **OR** a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.
 - + Fear further acts of violence from their abuser
 - + Are not on active parole or probation supervision requirements under federal, state, or local law;
 - + Allow the Attorney General to receive mail on their behalf

VA § 2.2-515.2

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Contact your local domestic, sexual violence program, or victim witness assistance program to schedule an in-person visit.
 - a. To find your local program, contact the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance Statewide Hotline at **1-800-838-8238**.
2. Complete the application packet.
 - a. You must read, initial, and notarize the applicant checklist.
 - b. Include the following **1)** a photocopy of a valid government-issued identification card **2)** a copy of a billing statement (utility, telephone, gas, etc.), or an executed lease or other documents with your real name and address.
3. Mail your application to the address listed on the application.
4. Upon approval, you will receive your Authorization Card with your substitute address and authorization code. Use this information to notify state and local government agencies when registering to vote.
5. ACP certification lasts 3 years unless canceled

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The Virginia Attorney General's Office.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE VIRGINIA ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

As an ACP participant, you can register as a Protected Voter by visiting your local voter registration office and presenting your ACP authorization card. This will ensure that your substitute P.O. Box address is listed on public voting records instead of your real address.

While this will exclude your real address from certain public lists, it may still appear on other voter documents, including the application itself, subject to public inspection (as permitted by law).

[Click here to find your local voter registration office.](#)

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

Vote in-person. You must:

- + Present a valid form of ID to the election officer (e.g., a valid Virginia Driver's license) and
- + Inform the election officer of your ACP substitute address verbally or by presenting your ACP authorization card.

The poll book will only include your substitute address, not 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?

As a Protected Voter, your real address is excluded from the registered voter list, the list of voters, absentee applicant lists, and any other registration records available for inspection by third parties. Your real address may still appear on certain voter documents subject to public inspection, as lawfully permitted.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + For questions about the ACP contact the Virginia Attorney General's Office - ACP Program
 - + Phone: (804) 482- 2280
 - + Email: domestic.violence@oag.state.va.us
- + For questions about voting contact the Virginia Department of Elections
 - + Email: info@elections.virginia.gov
 - + Phone: (804) 864-8901