



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, human trafficking, child abduction, and elder or dependent adult abuse, the **California 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 records 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?

- + California residents who are survivors of one of the following:
 - + Domestic violence
 - + Stalking
 - + Sexual assault
 - + Human trafficking
 - + Child abduction
 - + Elder or dependent abuse

Chapter 11 - *Safe at Home Confidential Address Program*

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Meet in-person with a community-based victims assistant at a designated enrolling agency.
 - a. **Click here** to find an enrolling agency or call the Safe at Home Program at **(877) 322-5227**
 - b. Bring a photo ID to your appointment
 - c. The application process varies. Your assistant will explain the appropriate steps and documentation required to establish eligibility. See **GC 6206 - Application Requirements** for more information.
2. Your assistant will submit your completed Safe at Home Application & Checklist Form to Safe at Home.
3. You will be notified of approval within 10 business days.
4. Once approved, you will receive your Participant Guide, authorization ID card, and a substitute mailing address to use with state, county, and city government agencies instead of a residential address.
5. Safe at Home certification lasts for 4 years.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

The California Secretary of State, Safe at Home program.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE CALIFORNIA ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

Safe at Home participants can register as a confidential voter to keep their voting information private. If you are in fear for your safety, and meet eligibility requirements, you can register as a confidential voter by:

1. Completing the Confidential Affidavit of Registration and Absentee Ballot Application provided with your original application.
 - a. Once you register as a Confidential Voter, the Secretary of State will send you
 - i. a Confidential Voter Card and
 - ii. an Absentee Ballot for every future election.

The deadline to register to vote for the November 3, 2026 election is October 19, 2026. If you miss the deadline, you can still register until Election Day, but you will not be registered as a confidential voter.

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

Once you are registered as a Confidential Voter, you will vote by mail using an Absentee Ballot (a ballot will be sent to you for each election by the Secretary of State). You will cast your vote using the information on your Safe at Home ID card and your substitute address.

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

The State of California cannot remove previous voter registration from public record. Your information can only be protected once you register as a Confidential Voter.

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

Your actual information will not appear on any future lists. Any list, roster, or index produced by elections officials may use your substitute, Safe at Home mailing address, or the word "confidential" (or a similar designation) in place of your actual residential address.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

For questions about voting call the Secretary of State:

+ Phone: (916) 653-6814

For questions about Safe at Home:

+ Email: SafeAtHome@sos.ca.gov

+ Call toll-free: (877) 322-5227