



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 offense, human trafficking, or stalking, the **District of Columbia Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** 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?

- + Individuals who:
 - + Fear for their safety
 - + Currently (or will soon) reside in the District of Columbia; and
 - + Survivors of domestic violence, sexual offense, human trafficking, or stalking; and
 - + Employees of organizations serving victims who have experienced the above offenses

D.C. Law 22-118. Address Confidentiality Act of 2018

OVSJG. Address Confidentiality Program

HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is free and can be completed by:

1. Contact an Application Assistant. They will explain the program, your responsibilities, and help you complete the application.
 - a. **[Click here to locate an Application Assistant.](#)**
 - b. The Application Assistant will tell you which documents you must provide to establish eligibility (e.g., law enforcement agency records; documentation from a domestic violence program, shelter, or sexual assault program; documentation from a medical professional).
2. Your Application Assistant will submit the applicant on your behalf.
3. It can take up to 30 days for The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants to process your application.
4. Upon approval, you will receive an ACP Authorization Card that can be used to provide official notice to state and local government agencies when registering to vote.

WHO HAS MY ACTUAL ADDRESS?

Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG).

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. CAST YOUR VOTE FOR SURVIVORS EVERYWHERE.



VOTING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ACP)

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

The OVSJG assists all ACP participants with the confidential voter registration process. Additionally, OVSJG will send your actual address and a copy of your ACP authorization card to the District of Columbia Board of Elections, which the Board will maintain.

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

ACP voters must vote by absentee ballot.

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

The ACP cannot remove or delete previously registered information from the public record. Any registration that happens once you become an ACP participant will be confidential and not posted online or available on any public lists.

Upon receipt of a request, the District agency shall remove publicly accessible references to the participant's actual address, including any references on the District agency's website, within 10 business days of receiving the request.

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

ACP voters voter registration records will not be subject to a public records request.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- + For questions about Washington D.C.'s ACP, you may contact the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants at (202) 727-0605 or ovsig@dc.gov, as well as the ACP at (202) 788-2131 ACP@dc.gov.
- + For Voter Registration and Voting questions, contact the District of Columbia Board of Elections at (202) 727-2525 or (866) 328-6837 or visit www.dcboe.org.