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Statutory Summary

Address confidentiality programs vary from state to state. There are, however, some similarities throughout the states, such as all states including an experience of domestic abuse or violence, sexual assault, and stalking in their statute to be eligible to participate in the program. The majority of states have exceptions to the confidentiality of the address, and the majority of states will forward the mail of the participant to their actual address. Five states and four United States territories do not have any kind of address confidentiality program. (Alabama, Guam, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virgin Islands, Wyoming.)

Persons Eligible to Participate in Address Confidentiality Program

All of the states include domestic abuse/violence as a requirement to be eligible for the address confidentiality program. Some states require more than domestic abuse/violence to be eligible for the program. To be eligible to participate in the address confidentiality program, twenty-three states require a survivor to fear for their safety were their address to remain nonconfidential. (Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington.) Nine states require a survivor to show proof of abuse to be eligible for the program. (Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Idaho, Maryland, Montana, Texas, Wisconsin.)

Forwarding of Mail

For participants who are eligible for the state's address confidentiality program, thirty-five states will forward the participant's mail to the confidential address. This includes first class, registered, and certified mail. (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.) Only Pennsylvania explicitly states that any kind of mail other than first class, registered, and certified mail will be forwarded at the expense of the participant.

Exceptions to Confidentiality of Address

Forty-three states allow for exceptions to the address confidentiality of the participant. (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.)

Eighteen states will release the confidential address of the participant if presented with a bona fide or legitimate need by an agency for the address. (Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, Texas, Utah, Vermont.)

Nineteen states will release the confidential address by court order. (Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont.)

Fifteen states will release the confidential address of the participant when officially requested by law enforcement. (Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont.) Four states allow disclosure of the confidential address if a state or local agency or the public body requests disclosure in writing. (North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee.)

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ALABAMA	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALASKA	Victims of stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault who are in fear for their safety upon the disclosure of their addresses.	<p>Participants are assigned an alternative address at which they may receive mail, legal process and voter registration and absentee ballots without disclosing a confidential address. The program council will forward on any first-class mail to the participant.</p> <p>Exceptions: By court order or requirement from a law enforcement agency. If an agency requests a waiver with a bona fide need for the participant's confidential address the address may also be disclosed.</p>	<p>House Bill 118 introduced 2019; (amends AS § 18.66)</p> <p>Website: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/32?Hsid=SB0115A</p>
ARIZONA	Victims of domestic violence, sexual offenses or stalking who are in fear of their safety.	<p>The secretary of state, alongside an application assistant who has program training or a background in counseling services, assigns a participant a substitute address and forwards first class, registered, or certified mail to the participant.</p> <p>Waiver: The participants address is not to be disclosed unless by court order or a granted request by a government agency. The participant must be notified of any disclosure.</p>	<p>Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 41-161-169</p> <p>Website: https://azsos.gov/services/acp</p>
ARKANSAS	Someone who is applying for, renewing, or requesting a change to his or her driver's license and who is a victim or a dependent of a victim of domestic violence. This person may qualify as a participant upon showing a protection order, or	<p>The participant is given a driver's license that shows a P.O. box address rather than a residential address.</p> <p>Waiver: the department may disclose the residential address to someone who is not the</p>	<p>Ark. Code. Ann. § 27-16-811</p> <p>Website: https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/driver-services/address-confidentiality-program/</p>

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	other proof that he or she is a victim of domestic violence.	person that the participant has a protection order against and has a compelling reason for needing the participant’s residential address. The department must notify the participant upon disclosure of his or her address.	
CALIFORNIA	<p>Victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking or elder/dependent adult abuse or guardians acting on behalf of minors or incapacitated persons who are victims of these offenses.</p> <p>Participants must be domiciled in California, meet with a victims’ assistance counselor and prove that they are victims of the above offenses and are in fear for their safety.</p> <p>Proof may include official police or government records, documentation from counselling services, or sworn statements from other individuals providing evidence.</p>	<p>The program may assure confidential name change records and will designate an alternative address that the Secretary of State will monitor and forward all first class, registered or certified mail.</p> <p>Waiver: The Secretary of State may disclose the alternative address when an agency shows a bona fide need for the confidential address or for statutory and administrative purposes that will not be disseminated to the public.</p> <p>This program also allows participants to bring an action seeking injunctive relief or money damages from anyone who disseminates their residential addresses, telephone numbers or images of the participants to the public on the internet.</p> <p>This program also offers counseling services to participants.</p> <p>Participation in this program does not constitute as evidence of domestic abuse, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking or elder/dependent adult abuse for purposes of making custody orders.</p>	<p>Cal. Gov. Code § 6205–6208.2</p> <p>Website: https://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/about-safeathome</p>

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COLORADO	People escaping or attempting to escape from actual or threatened domestic violence, a sexual offense, or stalking. Must have relocated or be planning to relocate.	<p>To protect the privacy of a relocated participant from a former abuser, the executive director of this program will monitor a substitute address for the participant and forward any first class, registered or certified mail to the participant. This does not affect orders relating to child custody.</p> <p>Waiver: This information may only be disclosed to a government agency upon granted request showing good reason why the agency needs the participant's actual address. The participant must be notified of any disclosure.</p>	<p>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-30-2102-2112</p> <p>Website: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dcs/acp</p>
CONNECTICUT	Any person who has been a victim of family violence, injury or risk of injury to a child, kidnapping, sexual assault, stalking, or trafficking in persons or child abuse or neglect. The application may be complete by an adult guardian acting on behalf of a minor. Participants must have a residential address in Connecticut and provide proof that they are the victims of the domestic violence offenses listed above.	<p>The Secretary of State serves as an agent to maintain a P.O. box and fictitious street address for participants. On weekdays that are not state holidays, the Secretary of State will forward any first class mail to the participant at the confidential address.</p> <p>This program may also keep marriage records and voter registry confidential.</p> <p>Waiver: if requested by the chief law enforcement agent of an agency, if requested by a court, if a participant needs to be verified by the Secretary</p>	<p>Conn. Gen. Stat. §54-240a-0</p> <p>Website: https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Business-Services/ACP/Address-Confidentiality-Program</p>

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		<p>of State, or if the program is cancelled for that participant. This will not affect custody or visitation orders.</p>	
<p>DELAWARE</p>	<p>Victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking who have filed for protection orders or were named as victims in criminal proceedings, or people who fear for their safety from their abusers. This also applies to people who are members of the same household as another program participant. People who have obtained or are seeking relief from a domestic violence program as certified by the director of that program.</p>	<p>The Department of Justice provides a substitute address for participants and will forward first class, express, registered, and certified mail to the participant. The participants actual address will remain confidential. Participants are also protected from the sharing of the confidential address or telephone number on the internet. Waiver: The Department of Justice may disclose the confidential address in the case of an emergency or court order after going through the waiver process. This program lasts 3 years following certification.</p>	<p>11 Del. C. § 9612-9619 Website: https://www.addressconfidentiality.com/states/delaware</p>
<p>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</p>	<p>Victims of domestic violence, sexual offense, human trafficking, or stalking. Participants must provide evidence that they are victims of these offenses and fear for their safety.</p>	<p>The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants will designate a substitute address for the participant to use. The Office will receive the participant’s first class, certified and registered mail and forward the mail to the participant within 3 business days after receipt. Certification is valid for three years and may be further extended for two years. Exceptions: By written request of a supervisor above the rank of sergeant of the MPD or by</p>	<p>D.C. Code § 4-555.02 Website: https://www.dccourts.gov/services/address-confidentiality-program</p>

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		written request from a District agency with a bona fide reason for using the participant's actual address.	
FLORIDA	Victims of domestic violence who fear for their safety or for the safety of a household member. Guardians of minors or adult incapacitated persons who are victims may also apply on behalf of the minor or incapacitated adult.	The Attorney General serves as an agent for service of process and receipt of participant's mail at a designated substitute address to maintain the confidentiality of the participant's actual address. The Attorney general will forward all first-class mail to the participant. Participants are certified in the program for four years. Exceptions: by certification cancellation or if an agency presents a bona fide reason for needing the participant's actual address.	Fla. Stat. §§ 741.403–741.465 Website: https://www.votepinellas.com/Election-Information/Voter-Registration/Address-Confidentiality-Program
GEORGIA	Any registered voter who has obtained a protective order, or is a bona fide resident of a family violence shelter	The participant's name, address and information will remain confidential in voter registration. This is to protect the identity of a victim who may be at risk of further harm from an abuser. Certification in this program will last for four years.	Ga. Code. Ann. § 21-2-225.1 Website: https://www.sos.ga.gov/page/votesafe
GUAM	N/A	N/A	N/A

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HAWAII	Victims of domestic abuse, sexual offense, or stalking who are at risk of being found and threatened by their assailants.	The program will assign a substitute address to be used by program participants to be used by agencies. The program will receive first-class, certified, or registered mail and will forward it to the participant. The substitute address will also be used for service of process. Waiver: an agency may request a disclosure of the participant's actual address upon written request with a legitimate purpose for use of the address.	Address Confidentiality Program Act [Effective January 1, 2024] Website: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2018/bills/SB2346_SD1_.HTM
IDAHO	Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, malicious harassment, human trafficking, or stalking. The application may be completed by a guardian of a minor or an incapacitated person if necessary. The applicant must be a victim of domestic violence, stalking, rape, or malicious harassment and fear for his or her safety. The applicant must have evidence of police records, documentation from a domestic violence facility or legal/medical professional or a protection order.	The secretary of state designates a substitute address for the participant and forward first class priority and other mail to the participant. The participant may use this address as a work address. Waiver: by court order or if requested by a law enforcement agency.	Idaho Code § 19-5701–5708 Website: https://sos.idaho.gov/address-confidentiality-program-acp/
ILLINOIS	Victims of domestic violence or individuals faced with the threat of domestic violence.	The Attorney General is the designated agent for the participant for the purposes of service of process and receipt of mail. The Attorney general will forward mail to the participant at his or her actual address. Certification in the program will last for four years. Exceptions: Cancellation of a program participation; if an agency offers a bona fide requirement for the use of the otherwise confidential address; if requested by a law	Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act Website: https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/safer-communities/supporting-victims-of-crime/address-confidentiality-program/

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		enforcement agency; by court order	
INDIANA	An individual who is at least 18 years old, a guardian acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated individual or an emancipated minor. The participant must be a victim of domestic violence, harassment, human trafficking, intimidation, invasion of privacy, sexual assault, or stalking, or the participant/applicant fears for his or her safety.	Declares the name, address, telephone number and any other identifying information relating to a program participant as confidential. The participant may use a substitute address as a work address.	Ind. Code Ann. § 5-26.5-2-1-5.11 Website: https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/about-the-office/appeals/victim-services/address-confidentiality-program/
IOWA	Victims of domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, stalking, or human trafficking who fear for their safety or the safety of another household member.	The participant is given a designated address where the secretary of state will receive the participants certified mail and forward it on within three days of receipt. This may be used as the participant's work address. Waiver: the department of public safety may request these confidential records and share them with law enforcement as a part of an ongoing investigation or by court order stating the necessity of the participant's residential address.	Iowa Code § 9E.3-9E.8 Website: https://safeathome.iowa.gov/
KANSAS	Adult victims, adult family members of victims, or guardians acting on behalf of minors or incapacitated victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or stalking who also fear for their safety if their addresses are disclosed.	The participant's address and personal phone remains confidential and is monitored by the secretary of state office. The secretary of state will then forward any first class or other mail to the participants. This address may be used as the participants work address. Exceptions: if requested by law enforcement agency, by court order, or to confirm participation in the program.	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 75-451-458 Website: https://ag.ks.gov/victim-services/safe-at-home

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KENTUCKY	Victims of domestic violence and abuse, stalking, and felony sex offenses.	Participants are assured that their addresses will remain confidential for the duration of the program (certification lasts for up to 2 years). The secretary of state will also provide services to assist participants. Custody orders will not be affected by participation in the program. Exceptions: By court order or by written request of a chief law enforcement officer.	Ky. Rev. Stat. § 14300–318 Website: https://sos.ky.gov/elections/ACP/Pages/default.aspx
LOUISIANA	Victims of abuse, sexual assault or stalking.	The secretary of state serves as an agent that monitors the participant’s designated address and forwards on any first-class mail, so the participant’s actual address and telephone number may remain confidential. Exceptions: If requested by the chief commanding officer of a law enforcement agency, court order, or to verify participation in the program.	La. Rev. Stat. § 44:51–57 Website: https://www.sos.la.gov/OurOffice/AddressConfidentialityProgram/Pages/default.aspx
MAINE	Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking or a guardian of a minor or incapacitated person who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	The secretary of state maintains a designated address for the participant, at which the secretary of state will receive and forward on the participant’s first class mail. This will maintain the confidentiality of the participant’s home address and telephone number. The participant	5 Me. Rev. Stat. § 90-B Website: https://www.maine.gov/sos/acp/index.html

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		is certified for 4 years. Exceptions: Upon request by law enforcement agency with a bona fide requirement for the participant's actual address or upon court order.	
MARYLAND	Victims of domestic violence who fear for their safety and can provide evidence that they are victims of domestic violence through court records, documentation from a domestic violence program or medical services.	To maintain confidentiality for victims of domestic violence who have relocated, the secretary of state will receive the participants first-class mail and forward it on to the participant at the actual address. Participation in the program lasts for 4 years. Exceptions to disclosure: On request by law enforcement or by court order.	Md. Fam. Law. Code Ann. § 4-519-529,. Repealed by Acts 2021, ch. 124, § 1, effective October 1, 2021. Website: https://sos.maryland.gov/ACP/Pages/default.aspx
MASSACHUSETTS	Victims of domestic abuse, rape, sexual assault or stalking that fear for their safety if the address is disclosed.	The secretary of state serves as the agent for purposes of service of process and for receipt of first-class mail. The secretary will have access to the participants' residential address and telephone number. The participant's certification in the program lasts four years. Exceptions: If an agency has a bona fide statutory or administrative requirement for the actual address. The address may also be disclosed upon request by the chief officer of a law enforcement agency, the commissioner of a state agency, or by court order.	Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 9A, §§1-7 Website: https://www.sec.state.ma.us/acp/acpabtidx.htm
MICHIGAN	Victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, or sexual assault, or those who will face increased risk of threatened or actual physical harm if their address is disclosed.	Participants receive a substitute address at which a state department would receive the participant's first-class, registered, or certified mail and forward it to the participant. Participants may receive service of process at the designated address. Participants will be issued a	Address Confidentiality Program Act Website: https://www.michigan.gov/ag/initiatives/address-

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		<p>corrected driver's license. Expiration: Certification lasts for four years and may be renewed. Exceptions: A participant's confidential address may be disclosed to a state department, law enforcement agency, or local unit of government if they were unsuccessful in contacting the program participant using the designated address and disclosure is necessary for a legitimate governmental purpose. If the participant is a minor, disclosure should consider potential harm to the participant. Unless the participant is a suspect in a criminal investigation, the participant should be given notice of any request for disclosure.</p>	<p>confidentiality</p>
<p>MINNESOTA</p>	<p>Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking who fear that the disclosure of their residential address or telephone number will increase their risk of being assaulted or stalked by an abuser.</p>	<p>The secretary of state will designate a substitute address for the participant so that the participant's physical location may remain confidential while receiving mail at the substitute address. The participant is certified for four years.</p> <p>Exceptions: In the case of an active investigation with a bona fide requirement of the participant's actual address.</p>	<p>Minn. Stat. §§ 5B.03–5B.011</p> <p>Website: https://www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home/about-safe-at-home/</p>
<p>MISSISSIPPI</p>	<p>Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who fear for their safety, or their children's safety. Guardians of minors or incapacitated persons who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and fear for their safety. Applicants must provide</p>	<p>The Attorney General serves as the participant's agent for purposes of service of process and receipt of mail. The Attorney General maintains the confidentiality of the participant's home address and telephone number by forwarding the participant's mail to the confidential address. Certification lasts four years.</p>	<p>Miss. Code Ann. § 99-47-1</p> <p>Website: https://victimsvoice.app/address-confidentiality-laws-miss/#:~:text=The%20Address%20Confidentiality%20Program%</p>

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	evidence from law enforcement, domestic violence shelter, or court orders.	Exceptions: if there is a bona fide administrative need for the address.	20(ACP,them%20in%20continu ed%20harm's%20way.
MISSOURI	Victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking or other crimes that make them fear for their safety and the safety of those who reside in the same household.	The secretary of state will receive and forward the participant's first class mail, legal documents and certified mail to the participant's confidential residential address. This program lasts for four years Exceptions: if the information is necessary for law enforcement in an ongoing investigation.	Mo. Rev. Stat. §§ 589.660–589.683 Website: https://s1.sos.mo.gov/business/safeathome/
MONTANA	Victims of partner or family member assault, sexual assault, or stalking. The applicant must show evidence and records proving that they are victims.	The state provides a substitute address that the participant may use for official purposes. The state then receives service of process and mail at this address and forwards it onto the participant. Exceptions: Requested by law enforcement agency or by court order.	Mont. Code Ann. 40-15-115–40-15-120 Website: https://mbcc.mt.gov/_docs/Events/Crime-Prevention-Conference/2020/Sessions/AddressConfidentialityBookmark.pdf
NEBRASKA	Victims of abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, or stalking that are in fear for their safety if their addresses are disclosed. Applications may be completed by the guardian of a minor or incapacitated person on their behalf.	The secretary of state designates a new address for the participant at which location, the secretary of state receives the participants first class mail and forwards it onto the participant's confidential address. Certification in the program lasts for four years. Exceptions: if a state or local agency has a bona fide statutory or administrative need for the	Address Confidentiality Act Website: https://sos.nebraska.gov/business-services/address-confidentiality-program

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		address or if requested by the chief commanding officer of a law enforcement agency. The address may also be disclosed to a person identified in a court order to disclose the participant's address or to a participant to confirm or deny information.	
NEVADA	Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault or stalking before filing an application.	The Division designates a substitute address for the participant for service of process and receipt of mail, which the division will forward to the participant. Exceptions: The address is requested by court order or law enforcement agency.	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 217.462 Website: http://ag.nv.gov/Hot_Topics/Victims/NVCAP/Confidential_Address_Program/
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Victims of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault who fear for their safety or the safety of other household members.	The attorney general receives the participant's first class mail at a substitute address and forwards it to the participant. The participant may use this address as a work address. Participants are certified in the program for four years. Exceptions: if requested by a law enforcement agency, by court order or to verify participation in the program.	N.H. Rev. Stat. 7:41-48 Website: https://www.doj.nh.gov/criminal/victim-assistance/address-confidentiality.htm
NEW JERSEY	Victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault or other violence that are at an increased risk of harm in their current locations. Applicants must be 18 or older, or guardians acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.	The director of the program designates the participant with a substitute address and will receive and forward on the participant's mail. Participants must recertify their participation every four years. Exceptions: The confidential address may be disclosed to an agency if the agency presents a bona fide reason.	Address Confidentiality Program Act Website: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/women/domestic/

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NEW MEXICO	Victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.	Participants will receive a substitute address and an identification card with that substitute address to maintain the confidentiality of the participants' actual residential address. The secretary of state will then receive the participant's mail and deliveries at the substitute address and forward it to the participant at the confidential address.	Confidential Substitute Address Act Website: https://www.sos.state.nm.us/safe-at-home/
NEW YORK	Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual offense, stalking, or kidnapping. Applications may be completed by guardians of minors or incapacitated persons.	The program designates agencies to assist the participants with counseling services. Participants are also given a substitute address that is monitored by the secretary of state. The secretary will receive service of process and mail at the substitute address and forward it to the participant's confidential address. The participant may use the substitute address as a work address. Exceptions: If requested by a law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement purpose, by court order, or to verify participation in the program.	NY CLS Exec §108 Website: https://www.dos.ny.gov/acp/faq_participant.html
NORTH CAROLINA	Victims of domestic violence, sexual offense, stalking, or human trafficking.	Allows participants to relocate while maintaining confidentiality through a substitute address monitored by the Attorney General's office. The participant's actual address and telephone number are not public record. Waiver: An agency may waive this by submitting written proof of why the agency cannot use the substitute address.	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15C-1-13 Website: https://ncdoj.gov/public-protection/address-confidentiality-program/

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NORTH DAKOTA	N/A	N/A	N/A
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	N/A	N/A	N/A
OHIO	Victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery. Guardians of minors or household members who are victims may also apply on their behalf.	Upon certification in the program the secretary of state designates the participant's address as confidential and offers an alternative address at which the participant can receive service of process and mail that will later be forwarded to the participant. Participation will be valid for four years following certification. The participant will vote by absentee ballot. Exceptions: by petition of a chief legal officer or by court order.	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. 111.41-111.48 Website: https://www.sos.state.oh.us/secretary-office/office-initiatives/safe-at-home/victims/#gref
OKLAHOMA	Victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking who fear for the safety of selves or children.	The Attorney General will designate counselling services to participants. The attorney general will also designate a substitute address for the participant at which the participant may receive mail. The attorney general will forward any first class, registered and certified mail to the participant at the confidential address.	22 Okl. St. § 60.14 Website: http://www.oag.ok.gov/addresses-confidentiality-program-acp

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		Exception: By court order or to verify participation to a state or local agency.	
OREGON	Victims of domestic violence, sexual offense, stalking, and human trafficking who fear for their safety if their addresses are disclosed.	The attorney general designates a substitute address for the participant and receives and forwards the participant's first class, registered, or certified mail. Waiver: the public body may submit a written waiver requesting the disclosure of the confidential address.	Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 192.820–192.834 Website: https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/victims-resources/victims-services/address-confidentiality-program-acp/
PENNSYLVANIA	Victims of domestic abuse, sexual offense, or stalking who file the appropriate affidavits stating their fear if the address is disclosed. Participants may also be members of the same household as a victim of the above offenses.	The participant is given a substitute confidential address and the Office of Victim Advocates will forward all first class, registered, and certified mail within three business days without expense to the participant. The Office will forward all other types of mail at the expense of the participant. Waiver: a state or local agency may request disclosure of the participant's address in writing. If the address is requested for an ongoing investigation, no notice shall be given to the participant.	23 Pa. C.S. §§ 6701–6711 Website: https://pcv.pccd.pa.gov/available-services/Pages/Address-Confidentiality.aspx
PUERTO RICO	N/A	N/A	N/A
RHODE ISLAND	An adult person who is a victim of domestic violence and a member of his or her household. The applicants must fear for their safety.	The participant receives an address designated by the secretary of state to serve as the participant's address. The participant may vote by using this address to maintain confidentiality. The secretary of state will also provide	R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 17-28-1–8 repealed by P.L. 2022, ch. 191, § 2, effective January 1, 2023. 2022 R.I. ALS 191, 2022 R.I. Pub.

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		counselling services to program participants. Exceptions: if requested by law enforcement agency, if directed by court order, if certification is cancelled.	Laws 191, 2022 R.I. Pub. Ch. 191, 2022 R.I. HB 8015 Website: https://www.sos.ri.gov/AddressConfidentialityProgram
SOUTH CAROLINA	N/A	N/A	N/A Address Confidentiality Program failed: 2017 Bill SC H.B. 5019
SOUTH DAKOTA	N/A	N/A	N/A
TENNESSEE	Tennessee residents who are victims of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, rape, sexual battery, or any other sexual offense.	Provides a substitute address for the participant and his or her minor children to maintain to confidentiality of the participant's name, home address and other information. The address may be used for a driver's license and voter registration is kept confidential. The secretary of state can serve as an agent for receiving mail and service of process by forwarding all first class and certified mail and legal documents sent to the substitute address to the participant's actual address. Exceptions: by court order; upon written request from the chief law enforcement officer, or upon written request from a director of a local or state agency. A determination regarding these requests will be made within three business days.	Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 40-38-601-611 Website: https://sos.tn.gov/safeathome/guides/information-for-applicants

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TEXAS	Victims of family violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or stalking who have met with a domestic violence counselling professional or by providing evidence in the form of protection orders or previous documentation.	The Attorney General provides a substitute PO box address to the participant and will forward on any first-class mail and legal documents to the confidential residential address. Certification lasts 3 years. Exceptions: If necessary for an agency to perform a duty or function imposed by law or administrative requirement. The participants true address may also be disclosed by court order or to a law enforcement agency.	Website: https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims/services-crime-victims/address-confidentiality-program
UTAH	Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, or sexual assault who fear for their safety or the safety of their children and other household members.	Participants are assigned a new substitute address in lieu of a residential address that will stay confidential. The program office will monitor the substitute address and forward to the participant his or her mail. Exceptions: by court order or by a granted request from an agency with a legitimate need for the participant's address.	Utah H.B. 451 introduced 2019 Website: https://olympic.utah.gov/safe-at-home/about-safe-at-home/
VERMONT	Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking who fear that the disclosure of their new address will increase risk of danger. Guardians of minors or adult incapacitated persons may apply on their behalf.	The Secretary of State designates an alternative address for the program participant to maintain the confidentiality of the participant's actual address. The secretary of state receives and forwards mail to the participant from the substitute address. The secretary of state also provides a list of agencies and counselling services for the participants. Participants are certified in the program for four years. Participation in the program does not affect custody orders. Waiver: state and local agencies may request a waiver and must present a bona fide reason for	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15 § 1150–1160 Website: https://sos.vermont.gov/secretary-of-state-services/safe-at-home/

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		needing the confidential address. Exceptions may be made for law enforcement agencies or by court order.	
VIRGIN ISLANDS	N/A	N/A	N/A
VIRGINIA	Victims of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual violence who fear further acts of stalking, retribution or intimidation by abusers.	The attorney general is designated as the agent for receiving the participant's mail and will forward all first-class mail to the participant at his or her confidential address. The address will be accepted by state or local agencies, except when the participant is buying firearms. Certification lasts for three years. Exceptions: If a state or local agency presents a bona fide reason for needing the participant's address, or by court order.	<u>Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-515.2</u> Website: https://www.oag.state.va.us/programs-initiatives/domestic-violence/address-confidentiality-program
WASHINGTON	Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, or stalking who fear for their safety or for the safety of their children or other minors in the household.	The secretary of State is designated as the participant's agent for purposes of service of process and receiving mail. The Secretary of State will forward all first-class mail to the participant and will not disclose the confidential address or telephone number because disclosure will increase the risk of further harm to the participant. The participant may use a designated substitute address as a work address. Exceptions: if by written request from a law enforcement agency or by court order. The county auditor shall mail a ballot to a program participant qualified and registered at the mailing address provided. Neither the name	Wash. Rev. Code § 40.24.010-40.24.090 Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 40.24.030 (Effective July 23, 2023) Website: https://www.sos.wa.gov/acp/

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		nor the address of a program participant shall be included in any list of registered voters available to the public.	
WEST VIRGINIA	Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking.	<p>The Secretary of State is designated as the participant’s agent for service of process and receiving first class mail at an assigned substitute address for the participant. The Secretary of State will then forward the mail to the participant at his or her actual address.</p> <p>Exceptions: by court order, upon request by a law enforcement agency in the manner provided for by W.V. rule, or by written request from a state or local agency with bona fide reason for needing the address.</p>	<p>W. Va. Code §§ 48-28A-101-110</p> <p>Website: https://sos.wv.gov/admin-law/Pages/ACP.aspx</p>
WISCONSIN	Individuals who have been granted protective orders that are in effect, individuals residing in shelters, victims of offenses related to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who are still being threatened, or individuals with proof of enrollment in a domestic violence services program.	<p>The municipal clerk issues the participant a voting identification card that contains the name of the participant’s district of residence to maintain the confidentiality of the participant’s actual address. The municipal clerk is the only agent with the participant’s residential address and information.</p> <p>Exceptions: to a law enforcement agency for official purposes; to a state or local government agency that presents a bona fide reason for needing the information; pursuant to court order.</p>	<p>Wis. Stat. § 6.47</p> <p>Website: https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/safe-home</p>
WYOMING	N/A	N/A	N/A

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