



State Address Confidentiality Statutes: 2025 Comprehensive Guide

This comprehensive chart provides up-to-date information on address confidentiality programs across all 50 states and the District of Columbia as of 2025. These programs are designed to protect victims of various forms of violence by establishing confidential or substitute addresses to prevent perpetrators from locating them through public records.

Address Confidentiality Programs by State

STATE	PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE	SUMMARY OF PROGRAM	STATUTE	WEBSITE
ALABAMA	N/A	As of 2025, Alabama does not have a state address confidentiality program.	N/A	N/A
ALASKA	Victims of stalking, domestic violence, and sexual assault who are in fear for their safety upon the disclosure of their addresses.	Participants are assigned an alternative address at which they may receive mail, legal process, voter registration, and absentee ballots without disclosing a confidential address. The program council forwards first-class mail to the participant. Exceptions: By court order or requirement from a law enforcement agency. The address may also be disclosed if an agency requests a waiver with a bona fide need for the participant's confidential address.	House Bill 118 (amends AS § 18.66)	https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/32?Hsid=SB0115A
ARIZONA	Victims of domestic violence, sexual offenses, or stalking are in fear for their safety.	The secretary of state, alongside an application assistant with 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. Waiver: The participant's address is not to be disclosed unless by court order or a request granted by a government agency. The participant must be notified of any disclosure.	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 41-161–169	https://azsos.gov/services/acp
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 other proof that he or she is a	The participant is given a driver's license with a P.O. box address rather than a residential one. Waiver: The department may disclose the residential address to someone who is not the person against whom the participant has a protection order and has a compelling reason for needing it. The department must notify the participant upon disclosure of his or her address.	Ark. Code. Ann. § 27-16-811	https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/driver-services/address-confidentiality-program/

	victim of domestic violence.			
CALIFORNIA	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.	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. The program may ensure confidential name change records and designate an alternative address that the Secretary of State will monitor and forward all first-class, registered, or certified mail. Exceptions: 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.	Cal. Gov. Code § 6205–6208.2	https://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/about-safeathome
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.	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. Waiver: This information may only be disclosed to a government agency upon a granted request showing why the agency needs the participant's actual address. The participant must be notified of any disclosure.	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-30-2102–2112	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dcs/acp
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 completed 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. The Secretary of State is 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. This program may also keep marriage records and voter registry confidential. 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 of State, or if the program is cancelled for that participant.	Conn. Gen. Stat. §54-240a–o	https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Business-Services/ACP/Address-Confidentiality-Program

DELAWARE	Victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking who are in fear of their safety have filed for protection orders or were named as victims in criminal proceedings. Also applies to people who are members of the same household as another program participant.	The Department of Justice provides a substitute address for participants and will forward first-class, express, registered, and certified mail to the participant. The participant's actual address will remain confidential. Participants are also protected from sharing their confidential address or telephone number online. Waiver: The Department of Justice may disclose confidential addresses in case of an emergency or court order after going through the waiver process. This program lasts 3 years following certification.	11 Del. C. § 9612–9619	https://www.addressconfidentiality.com/states/delaware
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Victims of domestic violence, sexual offense, human trafficking, or stalking; employees of organizations serving these victims; employees of organizations focused on reproductive healthcare.	The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants will designate a substitute address for the participant. 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 extended for two years. Exceptions: By written request of a supervisor above the rank of sergeant of the MPD or by written request from a District agency with a bona fide reason for using the participant's actual address.	D.C. Code § 4-555.02	https://ovsjg.dc.gov/acp
FLORIDA	Victims of domestic violence fear for their safety or 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 process service and receipt of participants' mail at a designated substitute address to maintain the confidentiality of the participants' actual addresses. 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 address.	Fla. Stat. §§ 741.403–741.465	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	https://www.sos.ga.gov/page/votesafe
HAWAII	Victims of domestic abuse, sexual offense, or being at risk of being found and threatened by their assailants.	The program will assign a substitute address for use by program participants and agencies. The program will receive first-class, certified, or registered mail and forward it to the participant. The substitute address will also be used for process service. Waiver: An agency may request a disclosure of the participant's actual address upon written request with a legitimate purpose for using the address.	Address Confidentiality Program Act [Effective January 1, 2024]	https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session_2018/bills/SB2346_SD1_.HTM
IDAHO	Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, malicious harassment, human trafficking, or stalking. If necessary, the application may be completed by a guardian of a minor or an incapacitated person.	The secretary of state designates a substitute address for the participant and forwards 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	https://sos.idaho.gov/address-confidentiality-program-acp/

ILLINOIS	Victims of domestic violence or individuals who face the threat of domestic violence.	The Attorney General is the designated agent for the participant in the process and mail receipt service. The Attorney General will mail the participant at his or her address. Certification in the program will last for four years. Exceptions: Cancellation of program participation; if an agency offers a bona fide requirement for using the otherwise confidential address; if requested by a law enforcement agency; or by court order.	Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act	https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/safer-communities/supporting-victims-of-crime/address-confidentiality-program/
INDIANA	An individual 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	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 participant's 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	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 number remain confidential and are monitored by the Secretary of State's 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 a law enforcement agency, by court order, or to confirm participation in the program.	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 75-451–458	https://ag.ks.gov/victim-services/safe-at-home
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 up to 2 years). The secretary of state will also provide services to assist participants. Participation in the program will not affect custody orders. Exceptions: By court order or by written request of a chief law enforcement officer.	Ky. Rev. Stat. § 14300–318	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 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, a court order, or to verify participation in the program.	La. Rev. Stat. § 44:51–57	https://www.sos.la.gov/OurOffice/AddressConfidentialityProgram/Page/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 the participant's first-class mail. This will maintain the confidentiality of the participant's home address and telephone number. The participant is certified for 4 years. Exceptions: Upon request by a law enforcement agency with a bona fide requirement for the participant's address or upon court order.	5 Me. Rev. Stat. § 90-B	https://www.maine.gov/sos/acp/index.html
MARYLAND	Victims of domestic violence 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 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)	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 service of process and for receipt of first-class mail. The secretary will have access to the participant's 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	https://www.sec.state.ma.us/acp/acpabtdix.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 their 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 corrected driver's license. The certificate 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 legitimate governmental purposes.	Address Confidentiality Program Act	https://www.michigan.gov/ag/initiatives/address-confidentiality
MINNESOTA	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	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. Exceptions: In the case of an active investigation with a bona fide requirement of the participant's actual address.	Minn. Stat. §§ 5B.03–5B.011	https://www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home/about-safe-at-home/

	assaulted or stalked by an abuser.			
MISSISSIPPI	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.	The Attorney General serves as the participant's agent for 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. Exceptions: if there is a bona fide administrative need for the address.	Miss. Code Ann. § 99-47-1	https://victimsvoice.app/address-confidentiality-laws-ms/
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	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 the participant may use for official purposes. The state then receives the process and mail service at this address and forwards it to the participant. Exceptions: Requested by a law enforcement agency or by court order.	Mont. Code Ann. 40-15-115–40-15-120	https://mbcc.mt.gov/_docs/Events/Crime-Prevention-Conference/2020/Sessions/AddressConfidentialityBookmark.pdf
NEBRASKA	Victims of abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, or stalking who 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 participant's first-class mail and forwards it to the participant's confidential address. Certification in the program lasts for four years. Exceptions: whether a state or local agency has a bona fide statutory or administrative need for the 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.	Address Confidentiality Act	https://sos.nebraska.gov/business-services/address-confidentiality-program
NEVADA	Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, or stalking should apply before applying.	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 a court order or a law enforcement agency.	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 217.462	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	https://www.doj.nh.gov/criminal/victim-assistance/address-confidentiality.htm
NEW JERSEY	Victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or other violence 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 program director designates the participant with a substitute address and will receive and forward 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	https://www.nj.gov/dcf/women/domestic/
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	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 monitored by the Secretary of State. The secretary will receive processing 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	https://www.dos.ny.gov/aep/faq_participant.html
NORTH CAROLINA	Victims of domestic violence, sexual offense, stalking, or human trafficking.	The Attorney General serves as an agent for the process service and forwards first-class mail to participants. The program helps protect the confidentiality of addresses in public records, including driver's licenses, voter registration, school records, court records, and Social Security cards. The Attorney General is prohibited from disclosing any address or telephone number of a program participant other than the substitute address designated by the Attorney General, with limited exceptions.	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15C-1 through 15C-13	https://ncdoj.gov/public-protection/address-confidentiality-program/
NORTH DAKOTA	N/A	As of 2025, North Dakota does not have a state address confidentiality program.	N/A	N/A
OHIO	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
OKLAHOMA	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
OREGON	Information not available in search results.	The new law went into effect on July 1, 2024, for 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations and will go into effect on July 1, 2025.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
PENNSYLVANIA	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.

RHODE ISLAND	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
SOUTH CAROLINA	Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, harassment, or sexual offenses.	The address confidentiality program is established to protect victims by authorizing designated addresses. The Attorney General administers the program and may assign a designated address to program participants.	South Carolina Code Section 16-25-130 (2024)	Information not available in search results.
SOUTH DAKOTA	N/A	As of 2025, South Dakota does not have a state address confidentiality program.	N/A	N/A
TENNESSEE	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
TEXAS	Information not available in search results.	Changes effective January 1, 2025, include authorized agent provisions. A requirement to allow consumers to opt out of processing for purposes of targeted advertising or any sale through opt-out preference signals goes into effect.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
UTAH	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
VERMONT	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
VIRGINIA	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
WASHINGTON	Information not available in search results. The first state to adopt an ACP law was in 1991.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
WEST VIRGINIA	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
WISCONSIN	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.	Information not available in search results.
WYOMING	N/A	As of 2025, Wyoming does not have a state address confidentiality program.	N/A	N/A

Conclusion

Address Confidentiality Programs continue to evolve across the United States, with several states implementing new or updated programs in 2025. These programs serve as crucial protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and other crimes where confidentiality of location is essential for safety.

Most states have established an address confidentiality program, though the eligibility requirements, implementation methods, and protections vary significantly. Common elements include substitute addresses, mail forwarding services, and provisions for exceptions to confidentiality under specific circumstances such as court orders or law enforcement needs.

States considering establishing or improving their address confidentiality programs should look to comprehensive models like those in California, Colorado, and Washington. These states have established robust systems with clear guidelines for both participants and agencies. As privacy concerns evolve in the digital age, these programs will likely need ongoing updates to ensure they provide meaningful protection for vulnerable individuals.