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## ENABLES THREATENED INDIVIDUALS TO SAFELY

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- Maintain a confidential residential, work, or school address
- Obtain a Maryland driver's license
- Register to vote
- Purchase real property
- Enroll in school
- Access social services
- Participate in court proceedings
- Interact with law enforcement

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Program participation is for 4 years, but can be renewed every 4 years thereafter
- Participants must comply with ACP procedures to remain protected
- All household members should participate for the ACP to be effective
- Applicants 18 years old or older must complete their own application
- Survivors living in shelters or temporary housing are welcome to apply
- The ACP cannot forward packages or magazines
- The ACP cannot redact a public address

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## THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM IS NOT

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- A Witness Protection Program
- Protection from legal obligations
- Evidence of domestic violence or any other crime
- A complete safety plan



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## WHO WE ARE

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Established in 2006, the Maryland Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) enables survivors to stay safe upon fleeing violence. Working with private companies and State and local agencies, the ACP keeps Program participants' residential address off public record. The ACP empowers survivors and threatened individuals to protect themselves and seek stability as active members of society without fearing for their safety.

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## WHAT WE DO

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### SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS

The ACP assigns a legal substitute address for participants to use in place of a home, work, or school address. State law requires all individuals to accept the substitute address.

### MAIL-FORWARDING SERVICE

ACP participants designate the Secretary of State as their agent to receive first-class, certified and registered mail as well as service of process. Participant mail is forwarded free of charge to their confidential address.

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## ACP ELIGIBILITY

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The Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program serves Maryland residents *who have recently relocated or intend to relocate to a new address*.

Eligible applicants are:

- Survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, or harassment
- Threatened individuals who fear for their safety regardless of their relationship to the perpetrator
- Guardians of a minor child or disabled person if they fear for the safety of their dependent

CONTACT THE ACP

410-260-3875

Safe.atHome@maryland.gov

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## APPLY TO THE ACP

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Applications are available through certified Application Assistants. To be put in contact with an Application Assistant, call the ACP at 410-260-3875.



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## STAY SAFE DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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Applying to the ACP may take up to 10 business days. Safeguard your location. Keep your address confidential.

- Do not submit a change of address to USPS
- Do not update your address on your driver's license
- Do not purchase property until after acceptance to the ACP
- Do not disclose your new address