

Address Confidentiality Program



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Safe at Home

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Who is Eligible?

Safe at Home may be right for:

- Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, rape or other crimes.
- Victims of crime who have recently relocated or are planning to relocate because they fear future harm.
- Individuals who understand that Safe at Home is one piece of a comprehensive safety plan.
- Residents of Missouri.

How Does Someone Apply?

Potential participants meet in person with a registered Application Assistant to apply for the Safe at Home program. Application Assistants are located throughout Missouri in agencies and nonprofit organizations that provide counseling, referral, shelter or other specialized services to survivors of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking or other crimes. Contact information for Application Assistants is available on the website or by calling Safe at Home.

What Safe at Home Participants are Saying About the Program

"The first peace I have known since my abuse was when I enrolled in your program."

"Thank you for having this program and helping me feel protected all these years!"

"I can't thank you enough for providing this service for me and my daughter."

"I've been hiding out for years and your program has allowed me to just live my life."

About Safe at Home

The goal of the Safe at Home program is to help victims of crime and their families in their efforts to stay safe. Safe at Home provides a substitute address for survivors to use on new records with government agencies and the courts, and a mail-forwarding service that enables them to keep their actual address confidential.

For example, program participants can register to vote, obtain a driver's license, enroll in a public school, and apply for state assistance or services using the substitute address. Participants also designate the secretary of state as their legal agent and may receive certified mail, service of process and legal documents through the Safe at Home program.

Safe at Home does:

- Authorize survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, rape or other crimes to use a substitute address on new records with government agencies and the courts.
- Authorize participants to use a substitute address for receiving first-class mail, legal documents and certified mail.
- Provide a free mail-forwarding service for program participants.
- Enable participants to use the substitute address to meet the requirements for a home, work or school address on public records.
- Receive personal service of process for participants.

Safe at Home does not:

- Help participants change their identities or relocate.
- Remove or delete existing public records.
- Offer legal advice.
- Relieve participants of their legal or financial responsibilities.

Responsibilities of Agencies and Businesses

Government agencies and the courts are required to accept the designated Safe at Home address in place of a participant's home, work, school or mailing address on a public record. Agencies can verify enrollment by asking to see a participant's authorization card or by calling Safe at Home. Agencies may also submit a written request for residency verification when necessary.

Private businesses are not required by statute to accept the Safe at Home designated address. However, private companies or agencies are encouraged to make every effort to keep a participant's information safe by accepting the substitute address whenever possible.

For additional information, please call (866) 509-1409 or visit www.MoSafeAtHome.com.