

Address Confidentiality Program



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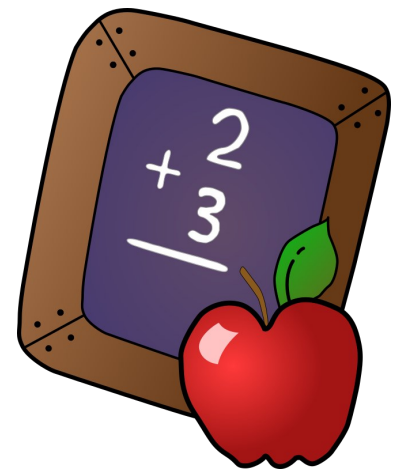
Registering for School

Registering for school can be an exciting time for you or your children. As you prepare for school, remember to utilize your *Safe at Home* substitute address when completing enrollment documents. Public schools are required to accept your *Safe at Home* substitute address in place of your confidential address. If a school representative asks you to verify your home address:

- explain that you are a participant in an address confidentiality program administered through the secretary of state's office;
- show your authorization card;
- ask the employee to contact the *Safe at Home* program for residency verification information; and
- refrain from disclosing your confidential address. If you voluntarily provide your home address to the school, it might not remain confidential.

It is possible that the employee has not enrolled a *Safe at Home* student before and is not familiar with this process. *Safe at Home* program staff can help explain the program and the residency verification process. Please note that *Safe at Home* will explain the process by telephone, but official requests for address verification must be made in writing by the school.

If you have any questions, please contact *Safe at Home* toll free at (866) 509-1409.



Upcoming Holidays

The *Safe at Home* office will be closed and participant mail will not be forwarded on the following state holidays:

- Labor Day
September 5
- Columbus Day
October 10
- Veterans Day
November 11

Technology Safety and Privacy

Technology can be an excellent tool in developing and maintaining top-notch safety planning for you and your family but on occasion technology can be compromised and work against your safety. Here are a few tips from the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV).

- **Trust Your Instincts.** If you suspect that the abusive person is harassing, stalking, or monitoring you using technology, it is possible and likely.
- **Have Your Car Checked.** If the abusive person knows where you are whenever you are in your car, you may consider having your car checked for hidden location devices. Ask a trusted mechanic or law enforcement to check the car thoroughly.
- **Check Your Cell Phone Settings.** Go through your phone's settings to ensure that other devices are not connected to the phone and that Bluetooth and location access is limited or turned off.
- **Think About Your Safety.** Some abusive individuals may escalate their controlling and dangerous behavior if they feel their control is threatened. Incorporate that into your safety planning. Some survivors choose to use a safer computer or other device but do not disable the monitored device to continue collecting evidence.

For in-depth information on these and other suggestions, please visit the NNEDV website at <http://nnedv.org/resources/safetynetdocs/technology-safety-plan.html>.

Voting and *Safe at Home*

Participating in *Safe at Home* does not disqualify you from the opportunity to register to vote. You can register to vote without disclosing your confidential address by using the *Safe at Home* program. If your dependent has turned 17 ½ and plans to register to vote through *Safe at Home*, they must apply to be an adult participant. You may contact us for the application forms.

If you are not currently registered to vote through *Safe at Home*, but you are interested in doing so, please contact us for more information. You may also contact *Safe at Home* if you recently relocated and are unsure if your voter registration information is up to date and correct. The **deadline** to register to vote in the November Election is **October 12, 2016**.



FAQ

- Q. Can my adult family members or other adults I live with use my *Safe at Home* substitute address?**
- R.** Only the participant and her or his dependents are allowed to use the *Safe at Home* substitute address. If an adult family member or an adult you live with feels it is necessary to use the substitute address due to her or his affiliation with you, it would be necessary for that person to meet with an Application Assistant and sign up for *Safe at Home*.

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