

Greetings,

We are proud to administer the Safe at Home program in Iowa. This address confidentiality program protects survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking and other violent crimes.

Safe at Home enables participants to become active members of society by keeping their home address off of public records. It allows participants to enroll their children in schools, obtain a driver's license, and register to vote while still maintaining their confidentiality. All Iowans deserve the right to live their lives without fear.

I hope that Iowans will work together to help survivors rebuild their lives and preserve their safety.

Every Iowan deserves to be safe at home.



Paul D. Pate
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Iowa Secretary of State

Helpful Hints

- Enrollment in the SAH program is **only** one piece of a plan for a participant's safety.
- A participant's mail may be delayed up to seven days.
- In order to vote in elections, participants must vote by absentee ballot.
- Participants are required to notify the SAH office immediately when their name, address, or other contact information changes.
- Participants enroll in four-year terms. Participants can re-enroll after each term, or voluntarily withdraw at any time.



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To find out more about how Safe at Home works and receive information about enrolling, visit **SafeAtHome.iowa.gov** or contact an advocate program.

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An Address Confidentiality Program
Helping Victims Become Survivors

WHAT is Safe at Home?

Safe at Home (SAH) is an address confidentiality program. This program helps survivors improve their lives with the following services:

Substitute Address

SAH will assign participants a substitute address. This address can be used with all city, county and state offices as well as with private organizations that require a mailing address. Your physical address will not appear on public records.

Mail Forwarding Service

First-class, legal, and certified mail, as well as packages of prescriptions, will be securely handled and forwarded to the participant's confidential address.

Confidential Voter Registration

Participants can register to vote and not be listed on the public voter registration list.



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Who is ELIGIBLE for Safe at Home?

Safe at Home may be the right fit for you if:

- You are a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, or other violent crimes.
- Your address is or will be unknown to your abuser or offender.
- You are a resident of the state of Iowa.



Safe at Home is NOT

- A witness protection program.
- Capable of shielding you from legal obligations, such as custody disputes.
- Able to hide your address from real estate records, such as the purchase of a home or office space. However, renters' addresses will be protected.

How do I APPLY for Safe at Home?

STEP 1 Contact the Safe at Home office or an advocate program for more information:

SafeAtHome@iowa.gov
515-725-SAFE (7233)

IA Coalition Against Domestic Violence
800-770-1650 (24-Hour Helpline)

IA Coalition Against Sexual Assault
800-770-1650 (24-Hour Helpline)

STEP 2 Complete an enrollment form and return it to the Safe at Home office at:

Safe at Home
899 E. 12th St.
PO Box 959
Des Moines, IA 50304

STEP 3 If certified, you will be notified by Safe at Home staff and receive a participant card and an enrollment packet.

STEP 4 Notify everyone of your new Safe at Home address.

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