

Address Confidentiality Program Enrollment Requirements

- Have court ordered protective order in effect
- Be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking
- Be in fear for your safety
- Be 18 years of age or older (an adult must apply on behalf of a minor)

ACP can:

- Allow you to use a confidential PO Box on your public records, including driver's license, court filings, and school registration forms
- Be a part of your overall safety plan
- ACP works best when you have moved to an address that your abuser or stalker does not know

ACP cannot:

- Guarantee your safety
- Act as a witness protection program
- Require all companies to accept the PO Box as your permanent address but will work with them if needed to explain the program. There is no legal requirement for private companies to accept the PO Box as your permanent address.

Address Confidentiality Program



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How to Join the ACP

How It Works:

After being accepted into the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), you will begin using the confidential PO Box registered to the Attorney General's Office (OAG) as your mailing address for official business and for public records. The OAG will collect the mail, repackage it, and send it to your physical address. That way, you only need to share your physical address with the OAG. Please note, we are only able to forward first class mail. We are unable to forward magazines, newsletters, subscriptions, etc.

How To Apply:

Applying to the ACP is easy. You can download an application from the ACP page on our website at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral. Fill out your part and take it to an advocate to complete the application. Your advocate will also have the necessary forms and can help you develop an overall safety plan. The ACP website has a listing of advocates throughout Indiana.

In addition to making you eligible for the ACP, a protective order can also allow a judge to order:

- Eviction of the abuser from a jointly held residence
- Additional assistance for the victim
- No contact at your workplace
- Weapons restrictions for the abuser

To learn more about the ACP please visit the Attorney General's website at www.IN.gov/attorneygeneral.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. This behavior includes physical, emotional or psychological, sexual, or financial abuse. Domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, gender or economic status.

SIGNS OF ABUSE

Emotional:

- Name calling, insults, continual criticism, humiliation
- Isolating you from family & friends
- Monitoring your activities
- Withholding funds for basic needs such as medicine or food
- Threatening to hurt you or those you care about (including pets)

Physical:

- Damage to property when angry (throwing/ breaking things, punching walls, etc.)
- Using a weapon to hurt or threaten you, your children or pets
- Forcing you to leave your home, or not allowing you to leave your home
- Stopping you from calling police or getting medical treatment

Sexual:

- Using you as property to be bought or sold
- Forcing you into sex or performing sex acts against your will
- Intentionally causing pain against your will

Sexual Assault & Stalking

Sexual Assault:

Any unwanted sexual activity forced by one person on another.

- 1 in 5 women reported rape at some point in their life
- Only 15% of sexual assault is reported
- More women have been raped than smoke cigarettes

Stalking:

Stalking is unwanted, obsessive attention by individuals (and sometimes groups of people), directed at an individual, that causes feelings of fear. Examples are continual following, excessive unwanted phone calls, email, etc.

- More than three million adults are stalked each year
- 75% of victims are stalked by someone they know
- 30% are stalked by a current or former intimate partner
- 25% are stalked through some form of technology (email, tracking devices, etc.)
- Stalking is a crime in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., all US territories, and under federal law