

A Guide to the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

In Washington, D.C.

What is the ACP?

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides victims of abuse with an alternative residential address that does not disclose the location of where they currently live for use on official documentation. The ACP can help protect victims from being located by their abusers.

To apply, victims must work with an application assistant to fill out the required forms and to create a comprehensive safety plan. JCADA Victim Advocates are certified application assistants and will work with survivors to develop a strong safety plan and apply to the ACP.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Must be a resident of Washington, D.C.
- Current address must be unknown to the abuser and not already public record
- Must complete a comprehensive safety plan to accompany the ACP application

Helpful Hints

- District of Columbia law requires that courts accept the protected ACP address on documentation.
- Mail is forwarded to participant's real address.
- Schools accept the ACP address on documentation.
- Participants can still vote without disclosing their real address.
- Participants can shield the deed of their house if they are in touch with the ACP before buying the property.
- Utility and insurance companies will likely need the real address and are not legally required to keep it confidential.
- Packages cannot be forwarded by the ACP.
 - Alternative options for package delivery include using pick up hubs, a PO box, or a family member/friend's address.