

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY

If you are afraid of your abuser finding out your address in court, here are two ways to make your address confidential.



01 SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE COURT

If you have a case pending in NY Family Court and are concerned for your safety, you may **submit an affidavit** requesting that your address remain confidential on all case filings. You may find the affidavit here:

<https://nycourts.gov/courthelp//Family/confidentiality.shtml>



02 APPLY TO NEW YORK STATE'S ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

If you do not have a court case pending but have safety concerns, you may apply to New York State's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) to make address confidential.

This **free** program allows survivors of domestic violence and members of their household to shield their addresses, including home, school and work, from their abuser.

Once registered, participants are assigned a substitute address; all state and local agencies are required to accept this address; mail is processed and forwarded on a daily basis by ACP Staff.

Program is available to DV survivors who are NYS residents and have moved or are planning to move for safety reasons.

For assistance or questions about the program call: 1-855-350-4595. To apply online and for more information:

<https://dos.ny.gov/apply-address-confidentiality-program>



Please note that taking either of the above actions does not make your address confidential outside of the court. If you wish to make your address confidential online, on social media, and/or in the public record, then you will need to take additional steps.