



### **safety for victims**

The ACP provides victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking with an alternate mailing address to keep their actual home address out of public records where their perpetrator may find their location.



### **substitute address**

The confidential address may be used as a legal address for court and government records, including driver's licenses, non-photo ID cards, vehicle registration, school records, voter registration, marriage licenses, and court petitions.



### **mail forwarding**

The ACP forwards all first-class, registered and certified mail to the participant, free of charge.



### **administration**

The ACP is administered by the Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate. It is not a witness protection program.

## **application/enrollment**

Victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking who are moving or plan to move to a new location - and anyone living in the same household - should work directly with a local victim service provider who can assist with the program application and safety planning. The ACP is designed to be a part of an overall safety plan.

Once enrolled, participants will receive a welcome packet in the mail with detailed instructions on how to utilize their new address for voter registration, school records, bank and financial institution accounts, employment applications, assistance services, utility bills, etc.

Trained ACP advocates remain available to support participants with answering questions, navigating the legal system, and providing information to organizations and institutions who interact with victims/survivors and benefit from a deeper understanding of trauma and safety.



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