# Greetings,

We are proud to implement the Safe at Home program in Iowa. Effective **January 1, 2016**, this address confidentiality program protects survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, and violent crimes.

Safe at Home enables participants to become active members in their 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 as involved citizens 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.

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**Paul D. Pate**
Iowa Secretary of State

# Helpful Hints

- Enrollment in the SAH program is **only** one piece of a plan for participant's safety.
- Participant's mail may be delayed up to seven days.
- In order to vote in elections, participants must vote by absentee ballot.
- If a participant changes his/her name, they must notify SAH within seven days.
- Participants enroll in terms that last up to four years. Participants can re-enroll in the program after each term.

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

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# 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 any city, county, and state offices, as well as with private organizations that require a mailing address. Your physical address will not appear in 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.

# 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 violent crimes.
- Your address is or will be unknown to your abuser or offender.

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# 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 an advocate program or the Secretary of State's office for more information:

**SafeAtHome@Iowa.gov**
**515-281-0145**

**STEP 2**

Complete an enrollment form and return it to the Secretary of State's office at:

**Safe at Home**
**321 East 12th Street**
**Des Moines, IA 50319**

**STEP 3**

If certified, you will be notified by the Secretary of State's staff and you will receive a participant's packet.

**STEP 4**

Notify everyone of your new Safe at Home address.

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