

Minnesota Crime Victims Rights

1. You have the right to apply for financial help for losses resulting from a violent crime. This assistance does not cover property losses. For application and information, call:

651-201-7300 or 1-888-622-8799
(TTY 1-651-205-4827), or visit:

www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/FinancialHelp/

2. You have the right to request that law enforcement agencies withhold public access to data revealing your identity. Law enforcement agencies will decide if this is possible.

3. You have the right, if an offender is charged, to be informed of and participate in the prosecution process, including the right to request restitution (money that is court-ordered from the offender and paid to the victim).

If you feel your rights as a victim have been violated, call the Crime Victim Justice Unit at: 651-201-7310 or 1-800-247-0390.

State Resources for Victims

Minnesota Domestic Violence Crisis Line
24 – Hour Help & Safe Housing Information:
1-866-223-1111

For 24-Hour Crisis & Resource Help
Dial the United Way Referral Line at: 211

Additional Rights of Domestic Violence Survivors

- You can ask the city or county attorney to file a criminal complaint.
- You have the right to be notified if prosecution of the case is declined or criminal charges are dismissed.
- You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an Order for Protection (OFP) from domestic abuse.

The order would include the following:

- A. an order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse;
- B. an order directing the abuser to leave your household;
- C. an order preventing the abuser from entering your home (or a reasonable area around your home), school, business or place of employment;
- D. an order awarding you or the other parent custody of/or visitation of your minor child or children; or
- E. an order directing the abuser to pay child support to you and the minor if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.

Safe at Home

Address Confidentiality Program



Safe at Home helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and others who fear for their safety by establishing a confidential mailing address. It helps survivors go about their daily lives without the risk of their abusers discovering their actual address.

Contact *Safe at Home* at:

651-201-1399
Toll-free: 1-866-723-3035
Minnesota Relay Service: 711 or
1-800-627-3529
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What is Safe at Home?

Safe at Home helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and others who fear for their safety by establishing a confidential address that public and private entities must accept as their true address. It helps survivors of harm go about their daily lives without the risk of their abusers discovering their actual address.

How Can Safe at Home Help?

- Keeps your home and work addresses confidential.
- Gives you a substitute address where your mail can be sent.
- Forwards your mail to you without charge.
- Receives legal documents for you on your behalf.
- Assists you in confidential voting.
- Allows you to use the *Safe at Home* address on your Driver's License.

Who Is Eligible?

Individuals must be:

- Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or someone who fears for their safety;
- Residents of Minnesota; and
- At least 18-years-old, or the parent/legal guardian acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.

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an important part of an overall personal safety plan



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How Do I Enroll?

1. Locate an application assistant near you.
2. All adults in the household must meet face-to-face with an application assistant which can be done in one meeting. You will determine together if *Safe at Home* should be a part of your personal safety plan.
3. Complete enrollment paperwork at the meeting with the application assistant.
4. Once *Safe at Home* receives the completed paperwork, enrollment in the program takes on average two days or less.
5. Participants receive an enrollment packet that includes a *Safe at Home* participation card for each person listed on the application.

How Will I Get My Mail?

Under the program, your mail will go to a *Safe at Home* address, and then is forwarded to your actual address. It is important to note that *Safe at Home* only forwards First-Class Mail. For safety reasons, *Safe at Home* will not forward most packages.

For your protection, the only mail you should receive at your residence is mail forwarded to you by *Safe at Home*.

You are responsible for notifying people of your new *Safe at Home* address, including your bank, utilities, schools, family, and friends. While you are enrolled in the program, you must inform *Safe at Home* of any changes in your contact information.