

Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

What is ACP's Mission?

The mission of the Address Confidentiality Program is to help victims stay safe. While the program should not be the only step in a safety plan, it can be a very important one. Keeping a victim's address out of the hands of a perpetrator can mean the difference between life and death.

How can ACP help?

Pennsylvania has a program to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking hide a new home address from their perpetrators. The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides eligible victims with an alternative mailing address. This address may be used to fulfill the address requirements of court and government records, such as drivers' licenses, library cards, traffic tickets, vehicle registrations, employment security, school records, workers' compensation and court petitions.

Who is eligible?

The program is available to women and men who are or have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and have had to move or are planning to move to a new location for safety reasons. Anyone living in the same household as the victim (for example, children, parents or siblings) may also be eligible to participate.

Is it right for everyone?

A victim service professional who works in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or victim service program can help determine if the ACP would be helpful in a victim's safety plan.

Lycoming County has two Victim/Witness Coordinators that can help determine if this service would be helpful to you. If the perpetrator is a juvenile, please contact Laura L. Bower, Juvenile Victim/Witness Coordinator, by email lbower@lyco.org, or by phone 570-327-2471.

If the perpetrator is an adult, please contact Troy D. Sellers, Adult Victim/Witness Coordinator, by email tsellers@lyco.org, or by phone 570-327-2461. If you are not a resident of Lycoming County, you may call the Office of Victim Advocate at 1-800-563-6399 or visit www.paacp.state.pa.us and click on "Victim support in your area" to find a victim service professional in your area.

How does ACP work?

Once approved and enrolled in the program, victims are given an ACP identification card that includes that person's name, signature, substitute address and a program number. This address may be used for receipt of all first-class, registered and certified mail. The program participant should use the substitute address every time he/she comes in contact with local and state government agencies (private companies, department stores, banks, utility companies, etc.) are not required to accept the substitute address – but many do when participants explain their need to use the ACP address. Enrollment in the program lasts three years. A participant may reapply if he/she needs to continue in the program.

How can victims apply?

Application to the ACP is completed in person at a local domestic violence, sexual assault, or victim service program. The application process involves meeting with a victim service professional who can help to determine if the program is right for the victim, explain how it works, explain the victim's responsibilities, and assist in the completion of the application materials. The victim is responsible for mailing the completed application to the ACP.

This information and more detail information can be obtained by visiting the ACP website at www.paacp.state.pa.us. Call ACP at 1-800-563-6399 or call one of the Lycoming County Victim/Witness Coordinators listed below:

Troy D. Sellers, Adult Victim/Witness Coordinator
Office of District Attorney
Lycoming County Courthouse
48 West Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-327-2461
Email: tsellers@lyco.org

Laura L. Bower, Juvenile Victim/Witness Coordinator
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