

Address Confidentiality Program

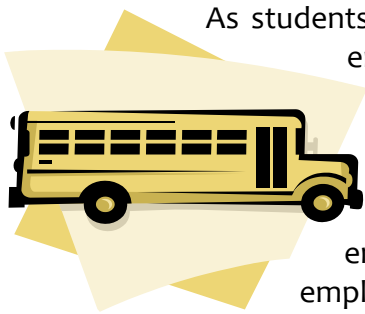
safe at home

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School Registration



As students throughout Missouri prepare for a new school year, you may have children enrolling in new public schools or perhaps enrolling for the first time. Public schools typically ask for some proof of your residency in the school district. As a *Safe at Home* participant, you are authorized to use your substitute address with all state and local government agencies, which includes public schools. You are not required to give your home address to a public school. If a school employee asks you to provide this information, you should explain to the employee that you are a participant in an address confidentiality program administered by the Secretary of State's office and you are authorized to use a substitute address on school records. Please be sure to take your *Safe at Home* authorization card and show it to the employee.

It is possible that your school district has not enrolled a *Safe at Home* student before and may not be familiar with the program. If the school employee has questions about how to verify your residency, please inform the employee that the *Safe at Home* program will verify your residency in the school district but it requires a written request from the school's principal or superintendent. He or she should mail or fax a letter to *Safe at Home* with the following information: the name of the student(s), your *Safe at Home* authorization number and the name of the school district. The letter may be faxed to 573-522-1525 or mailed to *Safe at Home*, PO Box 1409, Jefferson City, MO, 65102. After we receive the request for verification, we will contact the principal or superintendent by phone to verify your residency. We will verify your school district residency based on the home address in your *Safe at Home* file, but will not provide the home address to the school. If the school employee would like additional information about the program or the verification process, he or she may contact the *Safe at Home* program office.

Please keep in mind that the law that created *Safe at Home* only applies to new records. If the school district already has your home address on file, the *Safe at Home* program does not have the authority to have that information deleted from the school record. If you have any questions, you may contact us toll free at 866-509-1409.

State Holidays

Please be aware that participant mail will not be forwarded on the following state holidays: Labor Day (September 2), Columbus Day (October 14), Veterans Day (observed November 11), and Thanksgiving Day (November 28).

Resource Corner

The *Safe at Home* program has recently become aware of the following resources that may be helpful to program participants:

SAFE SHEPHERD

This is a website that offers services to search the internet and remove public information for victims of stalking, particularly from those data mining sites that collect and sell information. A free account may be created. **Website:** www.safeshepherd.com



Jane Doe Advocacy Center
Justice. Dignity. Compassion.

This is a legal service center that specializes in issues relating to public health and sexual violence. Some of their services include: assisting survivors of sexual violence obtain orders of protection and providing legal consultations and representation to survivors of sexual violence, focusing on divorce, child custody and other civil lawsuits. Their goal is to make legal services accessible to those who do not qualify for free legal services elsewhere. Most services at Jane Doe are provided at flat fee rates and/or a sliding fee scale that is based on income and household size. Payment plans are also available when needed. **Phone:** 314-329-5339 **Website:** www.janedoeadvocacy.com

CRIME VICTIM — LEGAL SERVICES —

Call Today: 816-232-3430

Toll Free: 855-CRIMEJUSTICE

This is an agency that helps crime victims and their families obtain financial recovery from criminal defendants and other responsible parties. Although the criminal court system can be effective in punishing the wrongdoer, it can still leave the victim with a financial loss. If they agree to take your case, the fee is typically contingent upon obtaining a recovery on the client's behalf. There is no fee for the initial contact with Crime Victim Legal Services to discuss potential representation. They examine a case regardless of whether actual criminal charges are filed, and even if a criminal case is still pending.

Website: www.missourivictimlaw.com

Safe At Home

www.MoSafeAtHome.com

PO Box 1409, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: 866-509-1409

Fax: 573-522-1525

Email: SafeAtHome@sos.mo.gov

Participant Telephone Numbers



Please be sure that *Safe at Home* has your current telephone number on file. This is very important as *Safe at Home* may need to reach you regarding your mail, service of process or a request for your address. If we cannot reach you by phone, you may miss timely emergency notifications.