



Safe at Home

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Safe at Home Program Overview

The Safe at Home address confidentiality program is managed by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The program, which began September 1, 2007, is open to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and those who otherwise fear for their safety. Participants in Safe at Home are assigned a designated address (a PO Box in St. Paul) that can be used for all of their interactions with others as an important part of their personal safety plan. The designated address allows the participant to go about their daily life without disclosing their actual home or employment address. All private and public entities in the state of Minnesota must accept the Safe at Home address as a participant's actual address. Safe at Home receives participants' mail and forwards all of their First Class Mail to them. Staff also assist them with their interactions with third parties should problems arise when giving the Safe at Home address to others.

Safe at Home Program Participation

Period	Total Number of Participants Served
September 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007	17
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008	215

Safe at Home Application Assistants

To enroll in Safe at Home, individuals must meet face to face with trained application assistants, who are victim advocates employed by community-based organizations throughout the state. Currently, there are more than 120 application assistants in Minnesota helping to make enrollment locations available in most counties. The Office of the Secretary of State provides training to, tracks contact information for, and monitors the status of all application assistants who assist eligible people to enroll in Safe at Home. Due to turnover at community-based organizations and Safe at Home's program growth, trainings for application assistants are ongoing. Page two of this report shows a geographical breakdown of the counties served by the community-based organizations where the application assistants are employed.

Period	Total Number of Advocates Trained and Accredited as Application Assistants
September 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007	26
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008	111

Counties Served by Safe at Home Application Assistants

Central Minnesota

Benton
Chisago
Crow Wing
Grant
Isanti
Kanabec
Kandiyohi
Mille Lacs
Morrison
Otter Tail
Sherburne
Stearns
Swift
Sherburne
Todd
Wilkin
Wright

Southwest Minnesota

Blue Earth
Chippewa
Cottonwood
Jackson
Lac Qui Parle
Lincoln
Lyon
Murray
Nobles
Pipestone
Redwood
Rock
Yellow Medicine

Metro Area

Anoka
Dakota
Carver
Hennepin
Ramsey
Washington

Southeast Minnesota

Freeborn
Goodhue
Houston
Olmsted
Rice
Steele
Wabasha
Winona

Northeast Minnesota

Aitkin
Carlton
Lake
Pine
St. Louis

Northwest Minnesota

Beltrami
Becker
Cass
Clay
Clearwater
Hubbard
Mahnomen
Marshall