

Safe at Home

Goals for 2008

- Continue outreach efforts to ensure all victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault and reproductive health care industry employees, patients, and volunteers are aware of the Safe at Home program and the security benefits it provides.
- Launch the new, more user-friendly Safe at Home website with specific areas for participants, enrolling agencies, law enforcement, courts, schools, and private industry. The website will provide online resources for enrolling agencies to help with the application process.
- Increase communication with first responders: law enforcement, hospital emergency rooms, rape crisis counselors, and medical care providers to increase their awareness of the Safe at Home program and the importance of breaking the cycle of violence.
- Strengthen program infrastructure by updating internal procedures and reviewing best practices for confidential address programs in other states.

“ Safe at Home has given me a whole new lease on life.
I can be safe. I'm not alone. ”

-Safe at Home participant



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Because every Californian
should feel
Safe at Home



Secretary of State

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California's "Safe at Home" program continues to offer victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault and members of the reproductive health care industry the most comprehensive benefits and security of any confidential address program in the United States. It serves as a model for other states instituting new confidential address programs.

In compliance with Government Code 6210(a), I am pleased to present the Safe at Home 2007 Annual Report. In addition to the summary report and related county statistics, the following are highlights of how the program has been enhanced, along with targeted efforts to strengthen relationships with law enforcement, the courts and victim advocates.

- Providing program-specific training to over 600 members of the California Superior Courts, 800 victim advocates, and over 20 domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault prevention/awareness organizations.
- Releasing new outreach materials in Spanish and expanding outreach efforts to new enrolling agencies, colleges, and local advocate groups.
- Encouraging voter registration by eligible participants by combining a voter outreach drive with the annual end-of-year Safe at Home mass mailing.
- Strengthening program functionality and security by converting to a new database system.
- Consolidating mail service to families with children living at the same address to save mail costs and mail-bin usage.

The members of the Safe at Home team are continually working to ensure the victims of abuse, stalking and sexual assault are aware of the benefits the program has to offer. Together, we can break the cycle of domestic violence and ensure that all Californians are given the opportunity to live a life free from fear.

Debra Bowen
Secretary of State

Safe at Home 2007 Summary of Statistics

Number of participants served since 1999:	3,784	Mail pieces forwarded in 2007:	330,000 pieces
Number of applications rejected in 2007:	62	Mail pieces forwarded in 1999:	11,000
Number of participants on January 1, 2007:	2,242	Postage costs in 2007:	\$55,000.00
Number of participants in 1999:	121	Postage costs in 1999:	\$6,000.00
Number of current active participants:	2,128	Counties with highest enrollment:	Los Angeles [411]
Number of cases closed in 2007:	195		Orange [250]
Percentage of participants who are women:	52%		San Diego [230]
Percentage of participants who are men:	5.5%		Sacramento [178]
Percentage of participants who are children:	42.5%		Alameda [112]
Average length of enrollment:	4 years	Number of registered voters in 2007:	510
		Number of cases of election misuse:	0

Participation by County

Alameda	112	Madera	10	San Joaquin	44
Alpine	0	Marin	8	San Luis Obispo	28
Amador	6	Mariposa	0	San Mateo	24
Butte	22	Mendocino	1	Santa Barbara	15
Calaveras	0	Merced	4	Santa Clara	98
Colusa	2	Modoc	0	Santa Cruz	15
Contra Costa	46	Mono	0	Shasta	39
Del Norte	9	Monterey	15	Sierra	0
El Dorado	15	Napa	10	Siskiyou	1
Fresno	58	Nevada	10	Solano	14
Glenn	26	Orange	250	Sonoma	32
Humboldt	4	Placer	32	Stanislaus	28
Imperial	1	Plumas	0	Sutter	0
Inyo	3	Riverside	105	Tehama	1
Kern	22	Sacramento	178	Trinity	2
Kings	1	San Benito	1	Tulare	12
Lake	4	San Bernardino	80	Tuolumne	21
Lassen	1	San Diego	230	Ventura	23
Los Angeles	411	San Francisco	30	Yolo	12
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