

14.302 Safe at Home Program -- Designated addresses -- Program open to victims of specified offenses and specified public officials -- Criminal history background check and fingerprinting of Secretary of State employees administering program. (Effective January 1, 2027)

- (1) The Safe at Home Program is hereby established within the Office of the Secretary of State.
- (2) The Safe at Home Program shall be operated with the intent to protect:
 - (a) Victims of:
 1. Domestic violence;
 2. Human trafficking;
 3. Stalking;
 4. Sexual assault;
 5. Rape; and
 6. Other sexual crimes as defined by KRS 17.500;
 - (b) Commonwealth's attorneys or assistant Commonwealth's attorneys;
 - (c) County attorneys or assistant county attorneys;
 - (d) Attorneys with the Office of the Attorney General;
 - (e) Attorneys employed by:
 1. The Department of Public Advocacy;
 2. The Offices of the United States Attorneys; and
 3. Western Kentucky Federal Community Defender, Inc.; and
 - (f) Attorneys appointed to a panel to represent indigent clients under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 3006A.
- (3) The Safe at Home Program shall authorize the use of designated addresses for victims, their minor children, and all other individuals residing with the victim.
- (4) The Safe at Home Program shall be open to victims of a specified offense who are United States citizens and residents of Kentucky, without any cost to the program participant.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall require that each person employed in the Office of the Secretary of State directly responsible for the administration of the Safe at Home Program submit his or her fingerprints to the Department of State. The Department of State shall exchange fingerprint data with the Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to conduct a criminal history background check of each employee directly responsible for the administration of the program.

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