



# CALIFORNIA SAFE AT HOME

*All People*  
“There isn’t a way to express my profound and immense gratitude for how helpful this program has been for me these past four years... The availability of confidential address and records has done much to contribute to peace of mind through stressful times.”  
*freely*  
*assembly*  
*common good*  
*responsible*  
*Speak*  
*Liberty*  
*protecting*  
*without discrimination*

- Safe at Home participant



## CALIFORNIA SAFE AT HOME LEGISLATIVE REPORT

# 2011



Because every Californian  
should feel and be  
**Safe at Home**

California Secretary of State Debra Bowen



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Twelve years ago, California Safe at Home was a temporary program available only to victims of domestic violence. In 2000, the program expanded and allowed victims of stalking to enroll. By 2003, the list of those eligible to enroll grew further to include reproductive healthcare professionals and their patients; in 2007, sexual assault victims became eligible, too.

Safe at Home has sprung into a full-grown program that has positively affected thousands of Californians. And thanks to a 2010 law that made the Safe at Home program permanent, survivors no longer have to worry that the protections they rely on will disappear.

In 2011 – its first full year as a permanent program – Safe at Home continued to face budget limitations while experiencing a continued increase in the number of participants. Despite these challenges, Safe at Home staff reinforced the status as the most comprehensive address confidentiality program in the nation, offering more services to more participants than any other state.

Key 2011 accomplishments include:

- Supporting SB 636 (Chapter 200, Statutes of 2011), which grants additional Internet privacy protection provisions to Safe at Home participants who want personal identifying information removed from websites.
- Launching a more comprehensive Safe at Home website with improved navigability.
- Maintaining lower operational costs by running teleconference trainings and meetings.

I am pleased to present the Safe at Home 2011 Annual Report required by Government Code section 6210(a). I hope you will share in our pride in the program’s work to protect and assist so many victims who have started new lives free from fear.

Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State

Safe at Home 2011 Summary of Statistics

Number of participants served since 1999:	6,260	Mail pieces forwarded in 2011:	117,241
Number of applications rejected in 2011:	61	Mail pieces forwarded in 1999:	11,000
Number of participants on January 1, 2011:	2,735	Postage costs in 2011:	\$45,254
Number of participants in 1999:	121	Postage costs in 1999:	\$6,000
Number of current active participants:	2,883	Counties with highest enrollment:	Los Angeles [604] San Diego [318] Orange [288] Sacramento [219] Riverside [151]
Number of cases closed in 2011:	441		
Percentage of participants who are women:	55%		
Percentage of participants who are men:	7%	Number of participants who were registered voters in 2011:	612
Percentage of participants who are children:	38%	Number of cases of misuse relating to elections:	0
Average length of enrollment:	4.5 years		

Participation by County

Alameda	129	Madera	13	San Joaquin	35
Alpine	0	Marin	16	San Luis Obispo	25
Amador	5	Mariposa	7	San Mateo	25
Butte	44	Mendocino	1	Santa Barbara	16
Calaveras	2	Merced	6	Santa Clara	122
Colusa	0	Modoc	1	Santa Cruz	16
Contra Costa	75	Mono	0	Shasta	35
Del Norte	2	Monterey	16	Sierra	0
El Dorado	11	Napa	8	Siskiyou	7
Fresno	69	Nevada	12	Solano	32
Glenn	17	Orange	288	Sonoma	33
Humboldt	14	Placer	46	Stanislaus	39
Imperial	5	Plumas	1	Sutter	8
Inyo	0	Riverside	151	Tehama	9
Kern	32	Sacramento	219	Trinity	0
Kings	1	San Benito	4	Tulare	54
Lake	13	San Bernardino	146	Tuolumne	5
Lassen	1	San Diego	318	Ventura	35
Los Angeles	604	San Francisco	86	Yolo	17
				Yuba	7