



Safety Concerns? Know Your Options

Disclosure.

Sharing safety concerns with your local child support office is a step in keeping you safe. Child support staff will note your concerns in a discreet manner. This allows the staff and the attorney to take measures to keep you and your information safe.

Concerns for sharing Information.

We don't share address or contact information for either parent; however, that information may appear on court documents. Would you be concerned for your safety if your address is in a public access file?

In person appearance concerns.

Both parents may be asked to come into the office or to attend a court hearing. Do you have any safety concerns with being present at the same time as the other parent?

Families First.

Pursuing child support may be dangerous for some. You may still be eligible for Families First benefits and not be required to cooperate with child support. Ask your Families First worker about claiming good cause.

Mandatory reporting.

Child support staff are mandatory reporters for child abuse and abuse of vulnerable adults only. Your disclosure of safety concerns will not be reported unless there is imminent danger.

Safe at Home.

A victim or survivor of domestic violence may be eligible for enrollment in the Tennessee Secretary of State's Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program. Safe at Home is a statewide address confidentiality program administered by the Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State. The program is open to all Tennessee residents who are victims of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, rape, sexual battery, or any other sexual offense who satisfy eligibility and application requirements **at no cost**.

*Visit the Secretary of State's website for more information:
<https://www.sos.tn.gov/SafeAtHome> or call (615) 253-3043.*

*Visit our website for more information and additional resources:
<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-support-services/domestic-violence-resources.html>*



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