



ACCESS Center Name and Gender Change A-Z

NAME CHANGE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Q: I am a victim of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault and I want to change my name for safety reasons. What can I do?

A: You may be able to file a name change under the address confidentiality program (Safe At Home). For more information regarding this process, please review NC-400-INFO, <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/nc400info.pdf>.

Q. If I am in the Safe at Home Program, can I file a confidential name change for my minor child?

A: You can file for your child(ren)'s name change if you are in the Safe At Home address confidentiality program. However, you are generally required to give notice to the other legal parent of your child(ren)'s name change. You should consider whether giving notice to the other parent will affect your safety. You may want to consult an attorney for advice before proceeding.