

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Delaware Officials

Statewide Edition

Every hotline, state agency, and court resource you need to report stalking in Delaware.

Statewide Delaware agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Delaware resources: the government agencies, hotlines, and courts that serve all three counties. Each section also tells you how to find the right local office for your specific county.

Start here: the Delaware Victim Center (1-800-VICTIM-1) can point you to the right state or local office for your exact situation.

Before you call: have your documentation ready — dates, what happened, any messages or photos saved, and whether a report has already been filed elsewhere.

If you're in danger: call 911 first. Every other number in this guide is for follow-up support, not emergency response.

What's inside

- Emergency & immediate-danger contacts
- Statewide Delaware agencies (VCAP, Victim Center, DOJ Victim/Witness Services, Family Court)
- Reporting to local police & county sheriffs
- Domestic violence protective orders explained
- Step-by-step: filing a report & getting a protective order
- Specialized support (child abuse, elder abuse, civil rights)
- A one-page master contact sheet

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Emergency & Immediate Danger

If a stalker is near you right now, threatening you, or has violated a protection order, these are your first calls — before anything else in this guide.

Emergency — Police, Fire, Medical

911

Call if you are in immediate danger, right now.

Delaware State Police (find your local Troop)

Via dsp.delaware.gov

Troop non-emergency numbers vary by region — covers areas without local police.

Delaware VINES (offender custody notification)

1-877-338-8463

Free, confidential notification if a stalker is released from jail or prison.

vinelink.com

Can't speak safely? In areas where Text-to-911 is supported, you can text instead of calling — check with your mobile carrier or alea.gov for coverage in your county.

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● Delaware — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve all three Delaware counties.

Delaware Victims' Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP)

302-255-1770

VCAP@delaware.gov · 900 North King Street, Suite 4, Wilmington, DE 19801 · Part of the DOJ.
attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/vcap

Delaware Victim Center

1-800-VICTIM-1 (942-8461)

In-state only · Connects crime victims to the right local and state resources.

Delaware DOJ — Victim/Witness Services

Via attorneygeneral.delaware.gov

Support and court accompaniment for victims whose case is prosecuted by the state.
attorneygeneral.delaware.gov

Family Court of the State of Delaware — PFA Office

Via courts.delaware.gov/family

Court-based advocates in each Family Court building help with the Protection From Abuse process.
courts.delaware.gov/family

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LOCAL POLICE

● Reporting to Local Police & State Police Troops

Stalking is usually reported to the police department in the city where you live or work, or to your county sheriff outside city limits.

Your local police department (non-emergency line)**Dial 911, or search “[your town] police non-emergency”**

Stalking can be reported at any town or city police department.

Delaware State Police Troop (unincorporated areas)**Varies by Troop**

Covers areas without their own local police department.

Family Court — New Castle, Kent, or Sussex County**Find yours via courts.delaware.gov/family**

A Protection From Abuse (PFA) order is filed at the Family Court in your county.

Good to know: you can file a report at any police department, not only the one nearest the stalker. Ask for the officer's name, a complaint or case number, and how to follow up.

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Protection From Abuse (PFA) Orders in Delaware

What it is: a Family Court order that can require a person to stop contacting you and stay away, covering physical abuse, sexual abuse, and threats among people with a qualifying relationship or household connection.

Emergency Ex Parte Order: a temporary order a judge can issue the same day, before the other party is notified, if you're in immediate danger.

Help filing: court-based advocates work out of every Family Court building specifically to help petitioners through the PFA process.

Family Court of Delaware

Publishes the PFA petition form and instructions for all three counties.

courts.delaware.gov/family

Where to file

Family Court in New Castle, Kent, or Sussex County, wherever you live.

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Step-by-Step: What to Expect

●Filing a Police Report

- 1 Go to any police department or county sheriff's office — you do not have to go to the one nearest the stalker.
- 2 Ask to speak with an officer and say clearly that you want to report stalking or harassment.
- 3 Bring your documentation: dates, messages, photos, and names of any witnesses.
- 4 Ask for the report's complaint number before you leave, and request a copy if possible.
- 5 Ask about victim assistance resources — many departments have a victim advocate or can refer you to ACADV.

●Getting a PFA Order

- 1 Go to the Family Court in your county (New Castle, Kent, or Sussex) and ask for a Petition for Order of Protection From Abuse.
- 2 Ask the court-based advocate on-site for help completing the petition — they specialize in exactly this process.
- 3 Describe all the acts of abuse you want the court to consider, including dates if known.
- 4 A judge can issue an emergency Ex Parte order the same day, before the other party is notified.
- 5 The order is served on the other party by law enforcement — keep a copy with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

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DFS Child Abuse & Neglect Report Line

1-800-292-9582

24/7, statewide — required by law to report within 24 hours of suspected abuse.

Delaware Adult Protective Services (Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse)

1-800-223-9074

For abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or vulnerable adult.

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QUICK REFERENCE

Quick-Reference Contact Sheet

Print or save this page — every number in this guide, in one place.

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Delaware Victim Center	1-800-VICTIM-1 (942-8461)	Statewide
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