

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Florida Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Florida agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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How to Use This Guide

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

Start here: Florida has a stalking-specific court injunction that covers cyberstalking, costs nothing to file, and works regardless of your relationship to the stalker.

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 Florida agencies (Attorney General Crime Victims' Services, Courts, Abuse Hotline)
- 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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ACT NOW

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.

Florida Highway Patrol (find your local Troop)

Via [flhsmv.gov](https://www.flhsmv.gov)

For highway matters and non-emergency support in areas without local police.

Florida VINE (offender custody notification)

1-877-884-2846

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

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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●Florida — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Florida.

Florida Attorney General — Crime Victims' Services

1-800-226-6667

TTY/Florida Relay 800-955-8771 · The Capitol PL-01, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 · Compensation and referrals statewide.
myfloridalegal.com/victim-services

Florida Courts — Injunction for Protection Against Stalking

No fee to file

Form 12.980(t) explicitly covers cyberstalking · Available against anyone, regardless of your relationship to them.
flcourts.gov

Florida Abuse Hotline (Dept. of Children and Families)

1-800-962-2873

1-800-96-ABUSE · TTY 711 or 800-955-8771 · 24/7, for suspected abuse of a child or vulnerable adult.
myflfamilies.com

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LOCAL POLICE

● Reporting to Local Police & Sheriffs

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 city] police non-emergency”**

Stalking can be reported at any city police department or county sheriff's office.

Your county sheriff's office**Varies by county**

Primary law enforcement in unincorporated parts of Florida.

Your county's Circuit Court**Find yours via [flcourts.gov](https://www.flcourts.gov)**

File where you live, where the stalker lives, or where the stalking occurred — whichever is easiest for you.

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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Injunction for Protection Against Stalking

What it is: a civil court order, built specifically for stalking, that can require a person to stop all contact and stay away — available no matter your relationship to them.

Covers cyberstalking: the official petition form explicitly includes repeated unwanted contact through electronic communication, not just in-person following.

Cost: there is no fee to file this injunction in Florida.

Florida Courts — Family Law Self-Help

Publishes Form 12.980(t) and step-by-step instructions.
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Where to file

The circuit court where you live, where the stalker lives, or where the stalking happened — whichever works best for you.

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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 Stalking Injunction

- 1 Go to your county's Circuit Court Clerk and ask for the Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Stalking (Form 12.980(t)).
- 2 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and whether it included electronic contact.
- 3 File the petition with the clerk; there is no filing fee in Florida.
- 4 A judge can issue a temporary injunction the same day, often without the other party present.
- 5 The injunction 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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Florida Abuse Hotline — Child Abuse (press 1)

1-800-962-2873

24/7 statewide reporting for suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

Florida Abuse Hotline — Elder & Vulnerable Adult Abuse (press 2)

1-800-962-2873

Same number as above — select option 2 for elder or vulnerable-adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

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QUICK REFERENCE

Quick-Reference Contact Sheet

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

Agency	Phone	Scope
Emergency — Police, Fire, Medical	911	Emergency
Florida Highway Patrol (find your local Troop)	Via flhsmv.gov	Emergency
Florida VINE (offender custody notification)	1-877-884-2846	Emergency
Florida Attorney General — Crime Victims' Services	1-800-226-6667	Statewide
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