

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Illinois Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Illinois agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Illinois 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: Illinois has a Stalking No Contact Order built specifically for stalking by anyone — no domestic relationship to the stalker required.

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 Illinois agencies (Attorney General Crime Victim Compensation, Criminal Justice Information Authority, Courts)
- 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.

Illinois State Police (find your local district)

Via isp.illinois.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Illinois VINE (offender custody notification)

Via vinelink.com

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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ILLINOIS · STATEWIDE

● Illinois — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Illinois.

Illinois Attorney General — Crime Victim Compensation Program

800-228-3368

crimevictimsservices@atg.state.il.us · Covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses.

illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority — Victim Assistance

312-793-8550

Statewide coordination of victim services funding and programs.

icjia.illinois.gov

Illinois Courts — Self-Help

Via illinoiscourts.gov

Official forms and instructions for a Stalking No Contact Order.

illinoiscourts.gov

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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 Illinois.

Your county Circuit Court**Find yours via illinoiscourts.gov**

A Stalking No Contact Order is filed at your county Circuit Court — no domestic relationship to the stalker is required.

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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COURTS

Illinois Stalking No Contact Order

What it is: a civil court order for victims of stalking, available whether or not you have a domestic or household relationship with the stalker.

What's required: at least two incidents between you and the stalker that caused you to fear for your safety.

Penalty: a first violation of the order is a Class A misdemeanor in Illinois.

Illinois Courts — Self-Help

Official instructions and the Verified Petition for Stalking No Contact Order.

illinoiscourts.gov

Where to file

The Circuit Court in your county.

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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 No Contact Order

- 1 Go to your county Circuit Court Clerk and ask for the Verified Petition for Stalking No Contact Order.
- 2 Describe at least two incidents with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and how they made you fear for your safety.
- 3 File the petition with the clerk; there is no fee.
- 4 A judge can issue an emergency order the same day, often without the other party present.
- 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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DCFS Child Abuse Hotline

800-252-2873

800-25-ABUSE · Illinois Relay 711 · 24/7 statewide reporting for suspected child abuse or neglect.

Illinois Dept. on Aging — Adult Protective Services

1-866-800-1409

24/7 statewide · for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an older adult or adult with a disability. Reports can be made anonymously.

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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
Illinois State Police (find your local district)	Via isp.illinois.gov	Emergency
Illinois VINE (offender custody notification)	Via vinelink.com	Emergency
Illinois Attorney General — Crime Victim Compensation Program	800-228-3368	Statewide
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority — Victim Assistance	312-793-8550	Statewide
Illinois Courts — Self-Help	Via illinoiscourts.gov	Statewide
DCFS Child Abuse Hotline	800-252-2873	Specialized
Illinois Dept. on Aging — Adult Protective Services	1-866-800-1409	Specialized

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