

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Indiana Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Indiana agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Indiana 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: Indiana's Protection Order covers stalking directly, can be filed online from a safe location, and costs nothing for victims of stalking.

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 Indiana agencies (Criminal Justice Institute Victim Services & Compensation, Courts E-Filing)
- 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.

Indiana State Police (find your local post)

Via in.gov/isp

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Indiana VINE (offender custody notification)

866-959-8463

TTY 866-847-1298 · 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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INDIANA · STATEWIDE

●Indiana — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Indiana.

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute — Victim Services Division

317-232-1233

Victim assistance information and referrals statewide.

in.gov/cji

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute — Victim Compensation Division

800-353-1484

Apply online at in.gov/cji/victim-compensation · covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses.

in.gov/cji/victim-compensation

Indiana Courts — Protection Order E-Filing Service

Via courts.in.gov

File a protection order online, free for victims of stalking, from a safe location.

courts.in.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 Indiana.

Clerk of the Circuit Court (your county)**Find yours via courts.in.gov**

File a protection order in person, or use the online E-Filing Service from any safe location.

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 Orders in Indiana

What it is: a single civil protection order covers domestic or family violence, stalking, sexual assault, harassment, and child sex grooming — no separate stalking-specific form needed.

Ex Parte Order: a judge can issue a temporary order, lasting up to 30 days, before the other party is notified.

Cost: courts cannot charge victims of stalking any fee for filing, issuing, registering, or serving the order.

Indiana Protection Order E-Filing Service

File online from a safe location, like a victim advocate's office, and request text or email updates on your case.
courts.in.gov

Where to file

The Clerk of the Circuit Court in your county, or online.

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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 Protection Order

- 1 Start the Protection Order E-Filing Service online, or go to your county Circuit Court Clerk in person.
- 2 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 3 File the petition; there is no fee for victims of stalking.
- 4 A judge can issue a temporary Ex Parte order the same day, often without the other party present.
- 5 The county sheriff serves the order on the other party — keep a copy with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

●Specialized Support

Indiana DCS Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline

1-800-800-5556

24/7, statewide — you can report anonymously.

Indiana Adult Protective Services

800-992-6978

For abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a 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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