

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Kentucky Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Kentucky agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Kentucky 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: Kentucky's Interpersonal Protective Order covers stalking directly and is available 24 hours a day at your Circuit Court Clerk's office.

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 Kentucky agencies (Attorney General Office of Victims Advocacy, Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, DOC Victim Services)
- 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.

Kentucky State Police (find your local post)

Via kentuckystatepolice.org

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

VINE Protective Order (VPO)

866-803-5858

Free, anonymous status updates and reminders about an existing protective order.

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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KENTUCKY · STATEWIDE

●Kentucky — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Kentucky.

Kentucky Attorney General — Office of Victims Advocacy

Via ag.ky.gov

Information, referrals, and support for crime victims statewide.

ag.ky.gov

Kentucky Crime Victim's Compensation Fund

502-782-8255

Toll-free 800-469-2020 · 500 Mero Street, 218 NC, Frankfort, KY 40601.

kycc.ky.gov

Kentucky Dept. of Corrections — Victim Services Branch

502-564-5061

Victim Line 877-687-6818 · notification and support for victims whose case involves someone in custody.

corrections.ky.gov

VINE (offender custody notification)

1-800-511-1670

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

vinelink.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 Kentucky.

Circuit Court Clerk's Office (your county)**Available 24/7**

File an Interpersonal Protective Order (IPO) for stalking — in the county where you live, or where you fled to escape the stalker.

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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Interpersonal Protective Order (IPO)

What it is: a court order for victims of stalking, sexual assault, or dating violence — including teens — signed by a judge to prevent further acts.

Domestic Violence Order (DVO): used instead when the stalker is a spouse, former spouse, or other family or household member.

Available 24/7: protective orders can be requested any time, day or night — contact local police or a domestic violence program after business hours.

What an IPO can do

Require no contact in person, by phone, text, email, or social media; order the stalker to stay away from your home, school, or workplace.

Where to file

The Circuit Court Clerk's office in the county where you live, or the county where you fled to escape the stalker.

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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 an IPO

- 1 Go to the Circuit Court Clerk's office in your county, any time, day or night.
- 2 Ask for an Interpersonal Protective Order (IPO) petition for stalking.
- 3 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 4 A judge can issue a temporary order quickly, 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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Kentucky Child/Adult Abuse Hotline

1-877-597-2331

1-877-KYSAFE1 · 24/7, statewide — one number covers both suspected child abuse and 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.

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Kentucky Dept. of Corrections — Victim Services Branch	502-564-5061	Statewide
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Kentucky Child/Adult Abuse Hotline	1-877-597-2331	Specialized

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