

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Maryland Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Maryland agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Maryland resources: the government agencies, hotlines, and courts that serve every county and Baltimore City. Each section also tells you how to find the right local office near you.

Start here: Maryland's Peace Order covers stalking by anyone, including a stranger, and costs nothing to file.

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 Maryland agencies (Governor's Office Victim Services, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, 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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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.

Maryland State Police (find your local barrack)

Via mdsp.maryland.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Maryland Child & Adult Protective Services Hotline

1-800-917-7383

1-800-91PREVENT · 24/7 · one number for all Maryland counties and Baltimore City.

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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MARYLAND · STATEWIDE

●Maryland — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county and Baltimore City.

Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

410-697-9312

Statewide victim services information and referrals.

goccp.maryland.gov

Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB)

1-888-679-9347

410-585-3010 · 6776 Reisterstown Road, Suite 209, Baltimore, MD 21215 · covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses.

goccp.maryland.gov/victims/cicb

Maryland Courts — Peace & Protective Orders

Via mdcourts.gov

Official forms and instructions, available in bilingual format.

mdcourts.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 Maryland.

District Court Clerk's Office (your county)**Find yours via mdcourts.gov**

File a Peace Order for stalking or harassment by anyone, including a stranger — no fee to file, and available from a District Court Commissioner when the clerk's office is closed.

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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Peace Orders & Protective Orders in Maryland

Peace Order: covers stalking or harassment by anyone, including a stranger — no domestic relationship required.

Protective Order: used instead when the stalker is a spouse, former spouse, co-parent, or other family or household member.

Stages & cost: an Interim order, then a Temporary order, then a Final order (up to 6 months) — with no fee to file at any stage.

Maryland Courts

Bilingual petition forms and instructions for both Peace and Protective Orders.

mdcourts.gov

When courts are closed

A District Court Commissioner can issue an Interim order any time, day or night.

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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 Peace Order

- 1 Go to your District Court Clerk's office and ask for a Petition for Peace Order.
- 2 Describe each act within the last 30 days with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 3 File the petition; there is no fee.
- 4 A District Court Commissioner can issue an Interim order right away, even outside business hours.
- 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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Maryland Child & Adult Protective Services Hotline

1-800-917-7383

1-800-91PREVENT · 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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Donations keep every free tool and guide on stalking.org available for the next person who needs them — including this 50-state series.

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