

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Michigan Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Michigan agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

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

Start here: Michigan's Personal Protection Order explicitly covers stalking behavior and starts at your County 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 Michigan agencies (Crime Victim Services Commission, Attorney General, Dept. of Corrections 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.

Michigan State Police (find your local post)

Via michigan.gov/msp

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Michigan Crime Victim Notification Network (MCVNN)

Via michigan.gov

Free, automated notification if a stalker's custody status changes.

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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MICHIGAN • STATEWIDE

●Michigan — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Michigan.

Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission

517-373-7373

320 South Walnut Street, Lansing, MI 48913 · covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses.

michigan.gov/mdhhs

Michigan Attorney General — Crime Victim Rights

Via michigan.gov/ag

Information on victims' rights under the Michigan Crime Victim Rights Act.

michigan.gov/ag

Michigan Dept. of Corrections — Victim Services

517-373-4467

Toll-free 877-866-5401 · notification and support for victims whose case involves someone in custody.

michigan.gov/corrections

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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 Michigan.

Your County Clerk's Office / Circuit Court**Find yours via courts.michigan.gov**

File a Personal Protection Order (PPO), which explicitly covers stalking behavior.

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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Personal Protection Orders in Michigan

What it is: a court order that can restrain someone from entering your property, contacting you, or engaging in stalking behavior.

What it can stop: stalking behavior, removing your children outside a custody order, interfering with your personal liberty, or causing reasonable fear of violence.

If it's violated: you can go back to court for an order to show cause and a hearing, or ask police to arrest for a violation.

Where to start

Your County Clerk's Office, to begin a Personal Protection Order (PPO) petition at Circuit Court.

Victim advocates

Prosecutors' offices across Michigan have advocates who can help with the PPO process.

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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 PPO

- 1 Go to your County Clerk's Office and ask for a Personal Protection Order (PPO) petition.
- 2 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 3 File the petition with the Circuit Court.
- 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

●Specialized Support

Michigan Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect

1-855-444-3911

24/7, statewide — one number covers both suspected child abuse/neglect 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.

Agency	Phone	Scope
Emergency — Police, Fire, Medical	911	Emergency
Michigan State Police (find your local post)	Via michigan.gov/msp	Emergency
Michigan Crime Victim Notification Network (MCVNN)	Via michigan.gov	Emergency
Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission	517-373-7373	Statewide
Michigan Attorney General — Crime Victim Rights	Via michigan.gov/ag	Statewide
Michigan Dept. of Corrections — Victim Services	517-373-4467	Statewide
Michigan Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect	1-855-444-3911	Specialized

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