

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Minnesota Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Minnesota agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Minnesota 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: Minnesota's Harassment Restraining Order covers stalking by anyone, including a stranger, through civil court.

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 Minnesota agencies (Crime Victim Justice Unit, Crime Victims Reparations Board, Safe at Home)
- 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.

Minnesota State Patrol (find your local district)

Via dps.mn.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line

1-800-247-0390

Statewide help for crime victims, including referrals and emergency funds.

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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●Minnesota — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Minnesota.

Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety — Crime Victim Justice Unit

800-247-0390

Victim rights information and assistance navigating the criminal justice system.

dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp

Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board

651-201-7300

Toll-free 1-888-622-8799 · covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses.

dps.mn.gov

Minnesota Safe at Home (Address Confidentiality Program)

Via Secretary of State

Helps survivors of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual assault keep their address confidential.

sos.state.mn.us

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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 Minnesota.

Your District Court**Find yours via mncourts.gov**

File a Harassment Restraining Order (HRO) for stalking by anyone, or an Order for Protection (OFP) for a family or household member.

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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Restraining & Protective Orders in Minnesota

Harassment Restraining Order (HRO): a civil court order for stalking or harassment by anyone, regardless of your relationship to them.

Order for Protection (OFP): used instead when the stalker is a spouse, former spouse, co-parent, or other family or household member.

DANCO: if criminal charges are filed, a judge can also issue a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order as part of the criminal case.

Minnesota Judicial Branch

Online court forms and a self-help center for both HRO and OFP petitions.

mncourts.gov

Where to file

Your county District Court.

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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 HRO

- 1 Go to your county District Court and ask for a Harassment Restraining Order 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 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

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Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC)**1-844-880-1574**

24/7, statewide — for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

Child abuse or neglect (county-based)**Varies by county or Tribal Nation**Contact the child protection agency where the child lives — find yours via mn.gov/dhs.

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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
Minnesota State Patrol (find your local district)	Via dps.mn.gov	Emergency
Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line	1-800-247-0390	Emergency
Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety — Crime Victim Justice Unit	800-247-0390	Statewide
Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board	651-201-7300	Statewide
Minnesota Safe at Home (Address Confidentiality Program)	Via Secretary of State	Statewide
Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC)	1-844-880-1574	Specialized
Child abuse or neglect (county-based)	Varies by county or Tribal Nation	Specialized

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