

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Missouri Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Missouri agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Missouri 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: Missouri's Order of Protection covers stalking for anyone age 17 or older, regardless of your relationship to the stalker, with no filing fee.

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 Missouri agencies (Crime Victim Services Unit, Crime Victims' Compensation, MOVANS)
- 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.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (find your local troop)

Via mshp.dps.missouri.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

MOVANS (offender custody & protection order notification)

1-866-568-8267

1-866-5-MOVANS · free, automated updates on an offender's status or a protection 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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●Missouri — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Missouri.

Missouri Dept. of Public Safety — Crime Victim Services Unit

573-526-9945

Toll-free 1-866-334-6682 · CVSU@dps.mo.gov · victim rights information and referrals statewide.
dps.mo.gov

Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation

573-526-6006

cvc@dps.mo.gov · P.O. Box 1589, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1589 · covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses.
dps.mo.gov

Missouri Courts — Orders of Protection

Via courts.mo.gov

Official forms and instructions; no filing fee, court costs, or bond required.
courts.mo.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 Missouri.

Your county Circuit Court**Find yours via courts.mo.gov**

File an Adult Abuse/Stalking Order of Protection — available to anyone age 17 or older, regardless of your relationship to 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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Orders of Protection in Missouri

Adult Abuse/Stalking Order of Protection: covers stalking regardless of your relationship to the person — available to anyone age 17 or older.

Two stages: an Ex Parte order of protection can be issued immediately; a hearing for a Full order of protection follows within about 15 days.

Cost: no filing fee, court costs, or bond is required.

Missouri Courts

Order of Protection petition forms and step-by-step instructions.

courts.mo.gov

Enforcement

Call 911 if the order is violated — violation carries criminal penalties.

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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 Order of Protection

- 1 Go to your county Circuit Court and ask for an Adult Abuse/Stalking Order of Protection petition.
- 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.
- 4 A judge can issue an Ex Parte order right after you file, often without the other party present.
- 5 The other party must be served at least 72 hours before the full hearing — keep a copy of the order with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

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Missouri Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline

1-800-392-3738

24/7, statewide, toll-free.

Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline

1-800-392-0210

24/7, statewide — for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or 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.

Agency	Phone	Scope
Emergency — Police, Fire, Medical	911	Emergency
Missouri State Highway Patrol (find your local troop)	Via mshp.dps.missouri.gov	Emergency
MOVANS (offender custody & protection order notification)	1-866-568-8267	Emergency
Missouri Dept. of Public Safety — Crime Victim Services Unit	573-526-9945	Statewide
Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation	573-526-6006	Statewide
Missouri Courts — Orders of Protection	Via courts.mo.gov	Statewide
Missouri Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline	1-800-392-3738	Specialized
Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline	1-800-392-0210	Specialized

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