

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Montana Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Montana agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Montana 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: Montana's Order of Protection has no relationship requirement for victims of stalking — a stranger qualifies just as a partner would.

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 Montana agencies (DOJ Office of Victim Services, Crime Victim Compensation, 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.

Montana Highway Patrol (find your local district)

Via mhp.mt.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Montana VINE — Victim Notification Network

Via dojmt.gov

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

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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MONTANA • STATEWIDE

● Montana — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Montana.

Montana Dept. of Justice — Office of Victim Services

406-444-3653

Toll-free 1-800-498-6455 · Crime Victim Compensation, Address Confidentiality Program, and the Montana Hope Card.

dojmt.gov

Montana Courts — Orders of Protection

Via courts.mt.gov

Example forms and instructions, including for self-represented petitioners.

courts.mt.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 Montana.

Justice, Municipal, City, or District Court (your county)**Find yours via courts.mt.gov**

File an Order of Protection — there is no relationship requirement for victims of stalking.

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 Montana

What it is: a civil court order that prohibits the stalker from any further contact with you — no relationship requirement for stalking, sexual assault, or incest victims.

Two stages: a Temporary Order of Protection gives immediate protection; a Final Order can follow after a hearing.

Montana Hope Card: a wallet-sized card confirming your order's terms, available through the Dept. of Justice.

Montana Courts

Example Temporary Order of Protection forms for self-represented petitioners.

courts.mt.gov

Where to file

Justice, Municipal, City, or District Court — many Orders of Protection are filed in Justice 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 Order of Protection

- 1 Go to your county's Justice, Municipal, City, or District Court and ask for an 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 with the court.
- 4 A judge can issue a Temporary Order of Protection the same day, 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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Montana Child Abuse Hotline
1-866-820-5437

TTY: dial 711, then 1-866-820-5437 · 24/7, statewide.

Montana Elder & Disabled Adult Abuse Information Line
1-800-277-9300

For abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or disabled adult.

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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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