

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to New Jersey Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide New Jersey agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** New Jersey 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: New Jersey's VASPA order covers stalking and cyber-harassment by anyone — but it must be filed at Superior Court, not a local police station.

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 New Jersey agencies (Victims of Crime Compensation Office, Victim Witness Advocacy, 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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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.

New Jersey State Police (find your local station)

Via [njsp.gov](https://www.njsp.gov)

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

New Jersey VINE

Via [vinelink.com](https://www.vinelink.com)

Free, confidential 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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NEW JERSEY · STATEWIDE

●New Jersey — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in New Jersey.

NJ Office of the Attorney General — Victims of Crime Compensation Office

877-658-2221

(973) 648-2107 · 50 Park Place, 5th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102 · stalking is an explicitly eligible crime.

nj.gov/oag/njvictims

NJ State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy

866-326-7206

Victim rights information and referrals statewide.

nj.gov/oag/dcj/victimwitness

NJ Courts — Restraining Order Information

Via njcourts.gov

Official forms for both VASPA (stalking/cyber-harassment) and domestic violence orders.

njcourts.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 prosecutor's Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy**Varies by county**

Court support and compensation help, with an office in every New Jersey county.

Your county's Superior Court**Find yours via njcourts.gov**

A VASPA restraining order for stalking or cyber-harassment must be filed at Superior Court — not at a local police station like a domestic violence order.

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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VASPA & Restraining Orders in New Jersey

VASPA order: the Victim Assistance and Survivor Protection Act covers stalking and cyber-harassment by anyone, regardless of your relationship to them.

Domestic Violence Restraining Order: used instead when you and the stalker are family or household members, or have a child together.

File at Superior Court: unlike a domestic violence order, a VASPA order can only be evaluated at the Superior Court — not a local police station or municipal court.

NJ Courts

Official restraining order information and forms.
njcourts.gov

Final order

A VASPA Final Restraining Order does not expire unless changed by the 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 the Superior Court courthouse in your county and ask for a VASPA restraining order application — specify you want relief under VASPA, not the domestic violence law.
- 2 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed, including online or cyber-harassment.
- 3 File the application with the court.
- 4 A judge can issue a Temporary Protective Order in an expedited manner, often without the other party present.
- 5 A hearing for a Final Restraining Order is scheduled within 10 days after the other party is served — keep a copy of any order with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

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NJ Child Abuse Hotline (State Central Registry)

1-877-652-2873

1-877-NJ-ABUSE · TTY 1-800-835-5510 · 24/7, statewide, confidential.

NJ Adult Protective Services Hotline

1-800-792-8820

For abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a 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.

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Emergency — Police, Fire, Medical	911	Emergency
New Jersey State Police (find your local station)	Via njsp.gov	Emergency
New Jersey VINE	Via vinelink.com	Emergency
NJ Office of the Attorney General — Victims of Crime Compensation Office	877-658-2221	Statewide
NJ State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy	866-326-7206	Statewide
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