

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Ohio Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Ohio agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Ohio 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: Ohio's Civil Stalking Protection Order is available for stalking or sexually oriented offenses even when no criminal charges are filed.

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 Ohio agencies (AG Crime Victim Services Section, Safe at Home, Supreme Court)
- 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.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (find your local post)

Via statepatrol.ohio.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Ohio VINE

Via ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Operated in partnership with the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association — free offender custody notification.

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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OHIO • STATEWIDE

●Ohio — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Ohio.

Ohio Attorney General — Crime Victim Services Section

614-466-5610

Victim rights information, compensation, and referrals statewide.

ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Ohio AG — Safe at Home (Address Confidentiality Program)

Via ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Helps survivors of stalking and other crimes keep their address off public records.

Ohio Supreme Court — Protection Order Information

Via supremecourt.ohio.gov

Explains CPO, CSPO/SSOPO, and criminal protection order options.

supremecourt.ohio.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 Ohio.

Your Court of Common Pleas**Find yours via supremecourt.ohio.gov**

File a Civil Stalking Protection Order (CSPO) or SSOPO for stalking or sexually oriented offenses — charges are not required.

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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Civil Stalking Protection Order (CSPO)

CSPO / SSOPO: for stalking or sexually oriented offenses — charges against the respondent are not required.

Civil Protection Order (CPO): used instead when the stalker is a family or household member, for domestic violence.

Advocates can help: a victim advocate can walk you through which protection order fits your situation.

Ohio Supreme Court

Explains every protection order type and links the forms for your county.

supremecourt.ohio.gov

Where to file

Your county Court of Common Pleas.

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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 Court of Common Pleas and ask for a Civil Stalking Protection Order petition.
- 2 Ask a victim advocate for help if you're unsure whether CSPO or CPO fits your situation.
- 3 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 4 A judge can issue an ex parte 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

Ohio Child Abuse Reporting Hotline

855-642-4453

855-O-H-CHILD · automated routing to your county's child protective services.

Ohio Adult Protective Services Hotline

855-644-6277

855-OHIO-APS · for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult age 60+.

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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
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Ohio State Highway Patrol (find your local post)	Via statepatrol.ohio.gov	Emergency
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Ohio AG — Safe at Home (Address Confidentiality Program)	Via ohioattorneygeneral.gov	Statewide
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Donations keep every free tool and guide on stalking.org available for the next person who needs them — including this 50-state series.

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