

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Pennsylvania Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Pennsylvania agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Pennsylvania 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: Pennsylvania's Protection From Intimidation order covers stalking or harassment by anyone — you can file whether or not you reported to police.

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 Pennsylvania agencies (Victims Compensation Assistance Program, Address Confidentiality Program, 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.

Pennsylvania State Police (find your local station)

Via [psp.pa.gov](https://www.psp.pa.gov)

Maintains the statewide registry of active protection orders.

PA-SAVIN (offender custody notification)

Via [psp.pa.gov](https://www.psp.pa.gov)

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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● Pennsylvania — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Pennsylvania.

PA Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP)

1-800-233-2339

(717) 783-5153 · 3101 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 · covers medical, counseling, and relocation expenses.

pcv.pccd.pa.gov

PA Office of Victim Advocate — Address Confidentiality Program

1-800-563-6399

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

pa.gov

PA Courts — Civil Protection Orders

Via pacourts.us

Official forms and instructions for PFA, PFI, and SVPO orders.

pacourts.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 Pennsylvania.

Your Court of Common Pleas**Find yours via pacourts.us**

File a Protection From Intimidation (PFI) order for stalking or harassment by anyone, or a Protection From Abuse (PFA) order 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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Civil Protection Orders in Pennsylvania

Protection From Intimidation (PFI): for stalking or harassment, regardless of your relationship to the offender or whether you reported to police.

Protection From Abuse (PFA): used instead when the stalker is a spouse, former spouse, co-parent, or other family or household member.

Sexual Violence Protection Order (SVPO): a third option specifically for victims of sexual violence.

PA Courts

Official forms for all three protection order types.
pacourts.us

Where to file

Your county Court of Common Pleas, often through the Protection From Abuse Office.

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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 Protection From Intimidation (PFI) 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; it does not matter whether you've already reported to police.
- 4 A judge can issue a temporary order, with a final hearing scheduled within 10 business days.
- 5 The Pennsylvania State Police registry records the order statewide — keep a copy with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

●Specialized Support

PA ChildLine (child abuse/neglect)

1-800-932-0313

24/7, statewide — reports can be made anonymously.

PA Elder Abuse Hotline

1-800-490-8505

24/7, statewide — for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an older 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
Pennsylvania State Police (find your local station)	Via psp.pa.gov	Emergency
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