

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Rhode Island Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Rhode Island agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
Part of the Stalking.org 50-state series

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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Rhode Island resources. Rhode Island has very limited county government, so policing and courts are organized by city, town, and state agency instead.

Start here: Rhode Island restraining orders explicitly cover stalking and cyberstalking, and filing one costs nothing.

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 Rhode Island agencies (Crime Victim Compensation Program, Public Safety Grant Administration, Address Confidentiality)
- 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.

Rhode Island State Police (find your local barracks)

Via [risp.ri.gov](https://www.risp.ri.gov)

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

RI Office of the Attorney General — Elder Abuse Unit

Via [riag.ri.gov](https://www.riag.ri.gov)

For cases also involving an older adult victim.

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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●Rhode Island — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every city and town in Rhode Island.

RI Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVCP)

401-462-7655

50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor, Warwick, RI 02886 · covers medical, counseling, relocation, and lost-wage expenses.
treasury.ri.gov/cvcp

RI Public Safety Grant Administration Office

401-764-5797

Victim assistance information and referrals statewide.

RI Dept. of State — Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

Via sos.ri.gov

Helps survivors of stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking protect their address.

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LOCAL POLICE

● Reporting to Local Police

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 or town] police non-emergency”**

Stalking can be reported at any city or town police department.

Rhode Island State Police**Via [risp.ri.gov](https://www.risp.ri.gov)**

Covers areas without their own local police department.

Your District or Family Court**Find yours via [courts.ri.gov](https://www.courts.ri.gov)**

File a restraining order for stalking or cyberstalking, or a Sexual Assault Protection Order if applicable.

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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COURTS

Restraining Orders in Rhode Island

Restraining order: available for stalking or cyberstalking, filed at District or Family Court depending on your relationship to the stalker.

Sexual Assault Protection Order: operates the same way, specifically for stalking, harassment, or sexual assault.

No-Contact Order: if the stalker is criminally charged, the court automatically issues one for the length of the case.

Rhode Island Courts

Official forms; there is no charge to file for a restraining order.

courts.ri.gov

If it's violated

Call police immediately and keep all evidence — texts, calls, and messages.

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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 District or Family Court and ask for a restraining order application for stalking or cyberstalking.
- 2 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 3 File the application; there is no charge.
- 4 A judge can issue a temporary order quickly, often without the other party present, lasting 21 days until the full hearing.
- 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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RI DCYF Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-742-4453

1-800-RI-CHILD · 24/7, statewide — you may call anonymously.

RI Office of Healthy Aging — Elder Rights & Safety

401-462-0555

24/7 · for abuse, neglect, or self-neglect of someone age 60 or older.

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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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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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