

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to South Carolina Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide South Carolina agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** South Carolina 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: South Carolina law requires courts to waive the filing fee for a harassment or stalking restraining order — it's free by statute.

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 South Carolina agencies (AG Crime Victims Compensation, Governor's Division of Victims Assistance, 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.

SC State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

803-737-9000

Can support local agencies on serious or cross-jurisdiction cases.

sled.sc.gov

SC Highway Patrol (find your local troop)

Via scdps.sc.gov

For non-emergency matters and general information.

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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●South Carolina — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in South Carolina.

SC Attorney General — Dept. of Crime Victims Compensation

803-734-1900

Covers medical, counseling, and lost-wage expenses for victims of violent crime.

dcvc.sc.gov

SC Governor's Office — Division of Victims Assistance

1-800-220-5370

Information, referrals, and victim rights support statewide.

governor.sc.gov

SC Courts — Restraining Order Forms

Via sccourts.org

Form SCCA/749, for Harassment or Stalking — no filing fee by law.

sccourts.org

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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 South Carolina.

Your Magistrate's Court**Find yours via sccourts.org**

File a Restraining Order for Harassment or Stalking — no filing fee, and it's enforceable statewide for one year.

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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Restraining Orders for Harassment or Stalking

What it is: a civil order from Magistrate's Court requiring a pattern of harassment or stalking to be proven, available to any petitioner.

Duration: orders are issued for one year and are enforceable throughout South Carolina.

No SSN required: state law says you cannot be required to disclose your Social Security number to seek this order.

SC Courts

Form SCCA/749 for Harassment and Stalking restraining orders.

sccourts.org

The hearing

Both parties appear, and the judge decides based on the evidence — written statements alone aren't accepted.

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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 Magistrate's Court in your county and ask for Form SCCA/749, for a Harassment or Stalking restraining order.
- 2 Document every instance of threat, stalking, or harassment with dates and details before you file — written statements alone aren't accepted as evidence.
- 3 File the complaint and motion; the court cannot charge a filing fee.
- 4 Both you and the stalker will appear in court, where the judge decides if there's enough evidence.
- 5 If granted, the order lasts one year and is enforceable statewide — keep a copy with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

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SC DSS Abuse and Neglect Hotline

1-888-227-3487

1-888-CARE4US · 24/7, statewide — one number covers both child abuse and vulnerable adult abuse. Reports can be anonymous.

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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
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SC Attorney General — Dept. of Crime Victims Compensation	803-734-1900	Statewide
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