

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to South Dakota Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide South Dakota agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** South Dakota 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 Dakota has a protection order specifically for stalking, separate from its domestic abuse order — and you don't need police involvement or criminal charges to file.

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 Dakota agencies (Crime Victims' Compensation Program, Unified Judicial System)
- 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.

South Dakota Highway Patrol

605-773-3105

For non-emergency matters and general information.

dps.sd.gov

SD Dept. of Public Safety

605-773-3178

General information and victim services coordination.

dps.sd.gov

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 Dakota — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in South Dakota.

SD Crime Victims' Compensation Program

605-773-6317

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

dps.sd.gov/victims-services

SD Unified Judicial System — Protection Order Forms

Via ujs.sd.gov

Official standard petition, prepared by the Attorney General, for stalking protection orders.

ujs.sd.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 South Dakota.

Your Circuit Court**Find yours via ujs.sd.gov**

File a Protection Order Against Stalking, Physical Injury, or a Crime of Violence — it doesn't matter if police were contacted or charges were filed.

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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Protection Orders in South Dakota

Stalking, Physical Injury, or Crime of Violence order:

available when your relationship with the person doesn't qualify for a domestic abuse order — and it doesn't matter whether police were contacted.

SD Unified Judicial System

Standard petition and instructions, prepared by the Attorney General.

ujs.sd.gov

Two stages: a temporary order lasts 30 days until the hearing; a final order can last up to five years.

Where to file

The Clerk of the Circuit Court in your county — you must allege stalking and attach a sworn affidavit.

Domestic abuse order: used instead when the stalker is a spouse, former spouse, co-parent, or household member.

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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 Clerk of the Circuit Court in your county and ask for the stalking protection order petition.
- 2 Describe each incident in a sworn affidavit — the specific facts and circumstances of the stalking, with dates.
- 3 File the petition; you must allege stalking for this order type.
- 4 A judge can issue an immediate temporary order without the other party being notified, lasting 30 days until the hearing.
- 5 You must attend the hearing to get a final order, which can last up to five years — keep a copy with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

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SD DSS Child Protection Services**877-244-0864**

Business hours — call 911 or local law enforcement for an after-hours emergency.

SD Dept. of Social Services — Adult Protective Services**Via dss.sd.gov**

Find your local DSS office for reporting 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.

Agency	Phone	Scope
Emergency — Police, Fire, Medical	911	Emergency
South Dakota Highway Patrol	605-773-3105	Emergency
SD Dept. of Public Safety	605-773-3178	Emergency
SD Crime Victims' Compensation Program	605-773-6317	Statewide
SD Unified Judicial System — Protection Order Forms	Via ujs.sd.gov	Statewide
SD DSS Child Protection Services	877-244-0864	Specialized
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