

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Tennessee Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Tennessee agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Tennessee 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: Tennessee's Order of Protection is available to any stalking victim, regardless of your relationship to the stalker.

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 Tennessee agencies (Criminal Injuries Compensation, Probation and Parole Victim Services, Safe at Home)
- 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.

Tennessee Highway Patrol (find your local district)

Via tn.gov/safety

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

TN Dept. of Correction — Victim Services

615-253-8145

Notification and support if a stalker is in state custody.

tn.gov/correction

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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●Tennessee — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Tennessee.

Tennessee Criminal Injuries Compensation Program

615-741-2734

Criminal.Injury@tn.gov · reimbursement of last resort for medical, counseling, and lost-wage costs. The crime must be reported to police within 15 days (exceptions apply).

tn.gov/claims

TN Board of Probation and Parole — Victim Services

615-532-8112

Information on an offender's parole status and other services for victims.

tn.gov/bop

Tennessee Safe at Home (Address Confidentiality Program)

615-253-3043

Run by the Secretary of State · helps survivors of stalking, domestic abuse, or sexual assault keep their address confidential.

sos.tn.gov

TN Attorney General — Victim Information Services

615-741-3491

Victim liaisons for cases on appeal.

attorneygeneral.tn.gov/victim

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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 Tennessee.

Your Circuit, Chancery, or General Sessions Court**Find yours via tncourts.gov**

File an Order of Protection — available to any stalking victim, regardless of your relationship to the stalker.

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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Orders of Protection in Tennessee

Who can petition: any stalking victim, regardless of your relationship to the person — plus victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Two stages: an ex parte order gives immediate emergency protection; an Order of Protection follows after a hearing and can last up to one year.

Where you file: generally the county where the stalking happened, or where you or the other person lives — the court clerk can confirm the right venue and any costs.

Tennessee Courts

Official Order of Protection petition forms and instructions.

tncourts.gov

Victim/Witness Coordinators

Your county's District Attorney office has a coordinator who can help you through the criminal side of a case.

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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 Circuit, Chancery, or General Sessions Court clerk in your county and ask for an Order of Protection petition.
- 2 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 3 File the petition; a judge can issue an ex parte order quickly, often without the other party present.
- 4 A full hearing follows, where the court decides whether to issue an Order of Protection.
- 5 Keep a copy of any order with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

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TN DCS Child Abuse Hotline

1-877-237-0004

24/7, statewide · reports can also be made online at apps.tn.gov/carat.

TN Adult Protective Services (Dept. of Human Services)

1-888-277-8366

For abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or disabled adult.

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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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