

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

Reporting Stalking to Texas Officials

Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Texas agencies
Verified phone numbers & addresses
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GETTING STARTED

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers **statewide** Texas 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: Texas courts can issue a protective order for stalking victims, and a court cannot charge a fee for filing, serving, or entering it.

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 Texas agencies (Crime Victims' Compensation, Address Confidentiality Program, DPS Victim Services)
- 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.

Texas Highway Patrol / DPS (find your local office)

Via dps.texas.gov

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse (TDCJ)

1-800-848-4284

Toll-free hotline that connects crime victims to resources across the state.

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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●Texas — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Texas.

Texas Attorney General — Crime Victims' Compensation Program

1-800-983-9933

Covers medical, counseling, lost-wage, and relocation costs; stalking is an eligible crime.

texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims

Texas Address Confidentiality Program (Attorney General)

Via crimevictims@oag.texas.gov

A substitute address and mail forwarding for victims of stalking, family violence, sexual assault, or trafficking.

texasattorneygeneral.gov

Texas DPS — Victim Services

Via dps.texas.gov

Victim rights information and notification about an offender's status.

dps.texas.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 Texas.

Your County or District Attorney's Office**Varies by county**

Can help you apply for a protective order if a stalking offense has been reported.

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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Protective Orders in Texas

Stalking protective order: available to victims of stalking under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 7B, in addition to family violence protective orders.

No court fees: a court cannot charge you a fee for filing, serving, or entering a protective order.

Get help applying: a prosecuting attorney or a private attorney can help you apply — your county's District or County Attorney's office is a good first call.

Texas Attorney General

Crime victim services, including help with the Address Confidentiality Program.

texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims

Where to apply

A Texas court in the county where you live or where the stalking occurred.

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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 a Protective Order

- 1 Report the stalking to your local police, and ask for a report number.
- 2 Contact your county's District or County Attorney's office, or a private attorney, about applying for a protective order.
- 3 Describe each incident with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 4 A court can issue a temporary protective order, with a hearing to follow — you cannot be charged a fee.
- 5 Keep a copy of any order with you, at home, and at work.

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SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

●Specialized Support

Texas Abuse Hotline (DFPS)

1-800-252-5400

24/7, statewide — one number for child abuse and for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults 65+ or with disabilities. Child abuse reports now require a name and phone number.

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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
Texas Highway Patrol / DPS (find your local office)	Via dps.texas.gov	Emergency
Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse (TDCJ)	1-800-848-4284	Emergency
Texas Attorney General — Crime Victims' Compensation Program	1-800-983-9933	Statewide
Texas Address Confidentiality Program (Attorney General)	Via crimevictims@oag.texas.gov	Statewide
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