

A STALKING.ORG REFERENCE GUIDE

# Reporting Stalking to Washington Officials

## Statewide Edition

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

Statewide Washington 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** Washington 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:** Washington has a dedicated Stalking Protection Order for victims of stalking, separate from domestic violence orders.

**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 Washington agencies (Crime Victims Compensation, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, 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.

## Washington State Patrol

### Via [wsp.wa.gov](https://wsp.wa.gov)

For non-emergency matters outside local police jurisdiction.

[wsp.wa.gov](https://wsp.wa.gov)

## VINE — Victim Information and Notification Everyday

### Via [vinelink.com](https://vinelink.com)

Free, confidential notification when an arrested person's custody status changes.

**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](https://alea.gov) for coverage in your county.

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## ● Washington — Statewide Agencies

These government agencies serve every county in Washington.

### **WA Dept. of Labor & Industries — Crime Victims Compensation Program**

#### **Via Ini.wa.gov**

Helps pay medical and counseling costs for victims of violent crime; a source of last resort for costs not otherwise covered.

[Ini.wa.gov](http://Ini.wa.gov)

### **WA Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (Dept. of Commerce)**

#### **1-866-290-4236**

State office that supports crime victims' rights and services.

[commerce.wa.gov](http://commerce.wa.gov)

### **Washington Address Confidentiality Program (Secretary of State)**

#### **1-800-822-1065**

360-753-2972 · a substitute address for survivors of stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking.

[sos.wa.gov/address-confidentiality-program-acp](http://sos.wa.gov/address-confidentiality-program-acp)

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## LOCAL POLICE

## ● Reporting to Local Police &amp; 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 Washington.

**Your county court clerk****Find yours via [courts.wa.gov](https://courts.wa.gov)**

Ask where to file a Stalking Protection Order or Anti-Harassment Protection Order.

**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 Washington

**Stalking Protection Order:** created for victims of stalking, including cyberstalking, who may not qualify for a domestic violence order — an ex parte temporary order is possible.

**Anti-Harassment Protection Order:** another option for victims of harassment who don't fall under the domestic violence statute.

**If it's violated:** a knowing violation of a stalking protection order is a gross misdemeanor.

## Washington Courts

Forms and instructions for every protection order type.  
[courts.wa.gov](https://courts.wa.gov)

## Where to file

Your county court clerk can confirm the right court and any local protection order help.

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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 Stalking Protection Order

- 1 Contact your county court clerk and ask for a Stalking Protection Order petition.
- 2 Describe each incident of stalking with as much detail as possible — dates, what happened, and any pattern you've noticed.
- 3 File the petition; a judge can issue a temporary ex parte order if immediate protection is needed.
- 4 A full hearing follows, where the court decides whether to issue a final stalking protection order.
- 5 Keep a copy of any order with you, at home, and at work.

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## SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

### ●Specialized Support

#### **DCYF / DSHS Abuse Reporting — 1-866-END-HARM**

**1-866-363-4276**

TTY-accessible · report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult; the operator connects you to the right office.

#### **DSHS Adult Protective Services (vulnerable adults at home)**

**1-877-734-6277**

For vulnerable adults living in the community.

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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   |
| Washington State Patrol                                             | Via <a href="https://wsp.wa.gov">wsp.wa.gov</a>     | Emergency   |
| VINE — Victim Information and Notification Everyday                 | Via <a href="https://vinelink.com">vinelink.com</a> | Emergency   |
| WA Dept. of Labor & Industries — Crime Victims Compensation Program | Via <a href="https://ini.wa.gov">Ini.wa.gov</a>     | Statewide   |
| WA Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (Dept. of Commerce)             | 1-866-290-4236                                      | Statewide   |
| Washington Address Confidentiality Program (Secretary of State)     | 1-800-822-1065                                      | Statewide   |
| DCYF / DSHS Abuse Reporting — 1-866-END-HARM                        | 1-866-363-4276                                      | Specialized |
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[stalking.org/about-us](https://stalking.org/about-us) · [stalking.org/contact-us](https://stalking.org/contact-us)

## Support the work

Donations keep every free tool and guide on [stalking.org](https://stalking.org) available for the next person who needs them — including this 50-state series.

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