

### **Consumer Fraud**

Prosecutes violators of various consumer protection laws, including home repair fraud, credit repair fraud, immigration fraud, bait and switch advertising, and theft by deception involving consumer goods. Call the State's Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division, (312) 603-8700 to file a complaint.

### **Court Orientation, Dates, and General Information**

For court dates, times, and locations, for general information on the criminal justice system, and for dates, times, and locations of seminars designed to acquaint victims and witnesses with the courts, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### **Disabled Persons**

Special services, such as wheelchairs and transportation, are available for victims and witnesses with disabilities through the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200. Hearing-impaired persons may call the State's Attorney's Central TDD Number, (773) 869-7494.

### **Domestic Violence**

In an emergency, always call your local police. The State's Attorney's Office helps victims obtain and enforce orders of protection and prosecute abusers. In Cook County, direct questions to the State's Attorney's Domestic Violence Division at (312) 325-9220, or call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness personnel at your local courthouse. (You'll find the phone numbers on the back of this brochure).

### **Drugs**

Drug houses and drug activity should be reported to your local police. The State's Attorney's Narcotics Prosecutions Bureau, (773) 869-2724, prosecutes narcotics cases and seizes assets from drug dealers. The State's Attorney's Narcotics Nuisance Abatement Unit, (773) 869-DOPE, works to shut down drug houses.

### **Drunk Driving**

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs should be reported to the police in the area where the offense occurs. The State's Attorney's Office vigorously prosecutes drunk or drugged drivers. For more information, call the State's Attorney's Community Outreach Unit, (312) 603-8710.

### **Environmental Crimes**

To report air, land, water, or noise polluters and hazardous workplace environments, call the State's Attorney's Environmental and Energy Division, (312) 603-8662.

### **Public Corruption and Financial Crimes**

If you become the victim of a financial crime or if you know someone illegally receiving Public Aid benefits, call the State's Attorney's Public Corruption and Financial Crime Unit, (773) 869-2728.

### **Gang Crimes**

Report street gang activity and graffiti to your local police or to the State's Attorney's Gang help-line, (773) 869-3454.

### **Hate Crimes**

Hate crimes are criminal acts motivated by a victim's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or national origin. Hate crimes, like other crimes, should be reported immediately to your local police. For more information, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### **Homicide Services/Support Groups**

Special programs, including monthly support groups, are available through the State's Attorney's Office for families of homicide victims. For dates, times, locations, and other information, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### **Interpreters**

The State's Attorney's Office arranges for foreign language and sign language interpreters as needed. For information, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### **Juvenile Crimes**

Under certain circumstances, the law permits juveniles to be tried as adults. However, persons under 17 who commit crimes in the City of Chicago generally are prosecuted in the Juvenile Division of the Cook County Circuit Court. Suburban juvenile cases are heard in the suburban court houses. For information, call the State's Attorney's Juvenile Justice Bureau, (312) 433-7000.

### **Official Misconduct**

To report suspected official misconduct involving elected officials or government employees, call the State's Attorney's Public Integrity Unit, (773) 869-6283.

### **Publications**

The State's Attorney's Office publishes brochures and other materials on a variety of subjects, including consumer fraud, child support, domestic violence, the criminal courts, hate crimes, juvenile court, stalking, lesbian and gay legal resources, and senior citizens' legal resources. For a complete list or to obtain a publication, call the State's Attorney's Community Outreach Unit, (312) 603-8710.

### **Seniors, Disabled, Mentally Ill**

Persons who are mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others, or who are unable to care for their basic needs may require involuntary hospitalization for treatment. For information on how to obtain such treatment, contact the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Division at (312) 603-8649.

Cases concerning the physical abuse/neglect or financial exploitation of the elderly or disabled and cases regarding mistreatment of persons in nursing homes are prosecuted by the State's Attorney's Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Division. Complaints regarding such cases should be directed to the Department of Aging Abuse Hotline at (800) 252-8966, as well as your local police department.

Special services to seniors, disabled victims and witnesses are available through the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

For other information concerning services and referrals for seniors and persons with disabilities, call the State's Attorney's Community Outreach Unit at (312) 603-8717 or the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Division at (312) 603-8649.

### **Sex Crimes**

Sex crimes and child molestation cases should be reported to your local police. Sex crimes cases are supervised by the State's Attorney's Sexual Crimes Division (773) 869-6492. Assistance for sexual assault victims is available through the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Sexual Assault Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### **Spanish Language Resources**

Spanish speaking attorneys and support staff are available throughout the State's Attorney's Office. For information about victim/witness services, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200. To arrange for a bilingual speaker for your school or organization, call the State's Attorney's Speakers Bureau, (312) 603-8710.

### **Victim Compensation and Victims' Rights**

The State's Attorney's Office provides a wide range of services to crime victims and witnesses, including assistance in obtaining financial compensation from the State of Illinois for medical and certain other expenses. For information about victim/witness rights, services, and/or assistance in applying for compensation, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### **Violence Prevention**

The State's Attorney's Office offers a variety of violence prevention programs, brochures, and videos. For more information, call the State's Attorney's Community Outreach Unit, (312) 603-8710.

### **Vote Fraud**

Report vote fraud to the State's Attorney's Public Corruption and Financial Crime Unit, (773) 869-6283.

### **World Wide Web**

More information about the State's Attorney's resources and services is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.statesattorney.org>

## State's Attorney's Office

— Main Numbers and Locations —

**Victim/Witness Assistance Unit  
Criminal Courts Building**  
2650 S. California Avenue, Chicago  
(773) 869-7200, 869-7494 (TDD)

**First Municipal Division**  
555 W. Harrison, Chicago, Room 2700  
(312) 325-9200

**Skokie Courthouse**  
5600 Old Orchard Road  
(847) 470-7300, 470-5970 (TDD)

**Rolling Meadows Courthouse**  
2121 Euclid Avenue  
(847) 818-2326, 818-2838 (TDD)

**Maywood Courthouse**  
1500 Maybrook Avenue  
(708) 865-6080, 865-6402 (TDD)

**Bridgeview Courthouse**  
10220 S. 76th Avenue  
(708) 974-6250, 974-6380 (TDD)

**Markham Courthouse**  
16501 S. Kedzie Avenue  
(708) 210-4060, 210-4190 (TDD)

**Juvenile Justice Bureau**  
1100 S. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago  
(312) 433-7000, 433-4781 (TDD)

**Traffic Court**  
69 W. Washington, Suite 3110, Chicago  
(312) 603-8780

**Daley Center**  
55 W. Randolph Street, Chicago  
(312) 603-5440, 603-7605 (TDD)

**Child Support Enforcement**  
28 N. Clark, Chicago  
(312) 345-2200, 345-2201 (TDD)

**Cook County Administration Building**  
69 W. Washington, Chicago  
(312) 603-8600

# State's Attorney's Resource Guide

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## Message from the State's Attorney

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office is the second-largest office of prosecutors in the country. Knowing how we are organized is vital to understanding how the State's Attorney's Office can work for you.

Use this brochure as a reference guide to our office. Here we have identified some of the key units that exist to help the victims of crime and prosecute offenders. We have also listed the key offices where trained professionals can take your complaints about possible wrong doing or illegal activity.

I am a lifelong resident of Cook County, and committed to making the criminal justice system work better for all of us.

Understanding the State's Attorney's Office is an essential part of understanding how the system works.

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### Arson

Arson cases are prosecuted by the State's Attorney's Arson Unit, (773) 869-6358. In an emergency, call your local fire department and police immediately.

### Child Abuse

Report child abuse to your local police and to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services hotline, (800) 25-ABUSE. Child abuse cases involving adult offenders are prosecuted by the State's Attorney's Sexual Crimes Division, (773) 869-6492. Child abuse cases involving juvenile offenders are prosecuted by the State's Attorney's Juvenile Justice Bureau, (312) 433-7000.

### Child Support

Parents seeking to establish parentage and/or child support and those seeking to enforce child support orders may request the services of the State's Attorney's Office through the Illinois Department of Public Aid's IV-D program. For more information, call the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Division, (312) 345-2200.

### Child Witness

Parents or guardians of children who are required to testify may arrange a "Kids in Court" private orientation session before their court appearance. Children who have witnessed homicides or suffered the murder of a loved one are eligible to take part in a Children's Court Support Group. For information, call the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, (773) 869-7200.

### Community Outreach Unit

The State's Attorney's Office has a representative assigned to each of Chicago's 25 police districts, various suburban areas, and to minority communities. For information, call the State's Attorney's Community Outreach Unit, (312) 603-8710.

### Community Prosecutions Division

The Community Prosecutions Division prosecutes quality of life crimes in communities. We have satellite offices in Chicago and surrounding suburbs. For more information, call (312) 603-8600.