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What is stalking?

Stalking Definition:

A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Pattern of Behavior

How many incidents make a pattern? —

Two or more incidents make a pattern. However, definition vary from state-to-state. It's important to be familiar with your state's laws about stalking.

What types of behaviors are considered stalking? +

Pattern of Behavior: What if the stalker's actions aren't illegal (for example, sending gifts)? +

Fact Sheet on Stalking

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Stalking: Define the Crime

Stalking is a repetitive pattern of unwanted, harassing or threatening behavior committed by one person against another. Acts include: telephone harassment, being followed, receiving unwanted gifts, and other similar forms of intrusive behavior. All states and the Federal Government have passed anti-stalking legislation. Definitions of stalking found in state anti-stalking statutes vary in their language, although most define stalking as "the willful, malicious, and repeated following and harassing of another person that threatens his or her safety" (1).



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Stalking

When you learn more about stalking behaviors, you're more likely to notice them before they escalate, and you can take steps to protect yourself. If you discover that you are being currently being stalked-either in-person, online, or via technology-it can be unsettling and even dangerous. Consider taking steps to protect yourself or involve an authority figure who can help you.

What is stalking?

"Stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear," according to the Department of Justice. Similar to crimes of sexual violence, stalking is about power and control.

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Stalking

Course of conduct directed at a specific person that involves repeated (two or more occasions) visual or physical proximity, nonconsensual communication, or verbal, written, or implied threats, or a combination thereof, that would cause a reasonable person fear.



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Stalking

Stalking is repeated contact that makes you feel afraid or harassed. Someone may stalk you by following you or calling you often. Stalkers may also use technology to stalk you by sending unwanted emails or social media messages. About one in six women has experienced stalking in her lifetime.¹ Women are twice as likely to be stalked as men are.² Stalking is a crime.



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Stalking is one of those crimes you often see in thriller movies to heighten suspense, keeping you on the edge of your seat. However, in reality, stalking is not thrilling, nor is it just a movie plot point. **It happens in real life.** Did you know, according to the [National Center for Victims of Crime](#), 7.5 million people are stalked every year in the United States? And the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know. Sixty-one percent of female victims and 44 percent of male victims say their stalker is a current or former intimate partner, and 25 percent of female victims and 32 percent of male victims were stalked by an acquaintance. Stalking occurs in person, on the phone and online.

How is stalking legally defined?

How stalking is defined varies from state to state, as jurisdictions have different stalking laws. However, according to the U.S. National Institute of Justice, stalking is "conservatively defined" as:

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Stalking is also described by the agency as being a crime of **power and control**.

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The Problem of Stalking

This guide reviews the problem of stalking and the factors that contribute to it. It then identifies a series of questions to help you analyze your local problem. Finally, it reviews responses to the problem, and what is known about them from evaluative research and police practice.

Defining Stalking

Stalking creates uncertainty, instills fear, and can completely disrupt lives. It can involve severe-even lethal-violence. Stalking involves a pattern of overtly criminal and/or apparently innocent behavior that makes victims fear for themselves or others.

Stalking is distinguishable from many other types of crime in two important ways. First, it entails repeat victimization of a person the offender targets-it is, by its very nature, a series of acts, rather than a single incident. Second, it is partly defined by its impact on the victim. While legal definitions of stalking vary from state to state, the following is a useful general definition:

A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person fear.¹