# STALKING PREVENTION, AWARENESS, AND RESOURCE CENTER

Know More, Do More: Recognizing and Responding to Stalking on Campus

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Introduction



# STALKING IS:



CRIMINAL



TRAUMATIC



DANGEROUS



# CRIMINAL

#### **FEDERAL LEVEL**

**ALL 50 STATES, D.C.,** & U.S. TERRITORIES

TRIBAL CODES

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## TRAUMATIC

### Many stalking victims:

- \* Experience mental health issues.
- \* Lose time from work.

  1 in 8 employed stalking victims lose time from work.
- \* Relocate. 1 in 7 stalking victims move.

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"It's not easy to describe the fear you have when you see the stalker, or signs of the stalker, everywhere you go. I have given up all hopes of ever having a safe life.

For the rest of my life, I will be looking over my shoulder, expecting to see him there."



# DANGEROUS

- \* Stalking often co-occurs with physical assault and sexual violence, including rape.
- \* 20% of stalkers use weapons to threaten or harm victims.
- \* 76% of intimate partner femicides included stalking in the year prior.

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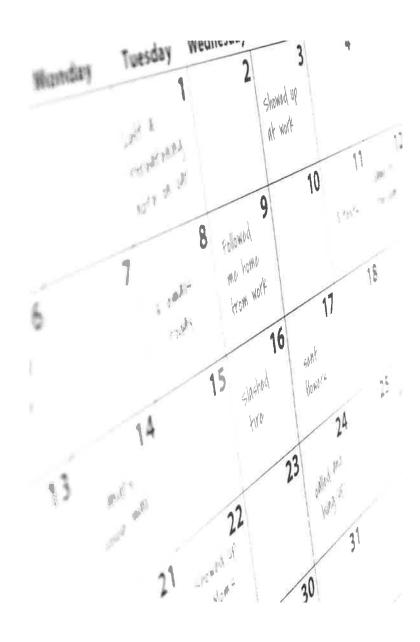
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American Stalkers. Journal of Forensic Sciences, 51(1), 147-155.



# "Stalking is homicide in slow motion."

Patrick Brady, Criminology Dept.
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Stalking is one of the few crimes where early intervention can prevent violence and death.

### Reporting to Law Enforcement

- \* Less than 10% of stalking victims report to law enforcement.
- \* Fewer than 6% of intimate partner stalking victims reported to law enforcement.

### Domestic Violence Crimes Study

- \* 1785 cases of domestic violence
- \* 298 involve stalking (1 in 6)

How many cases were charged as stalking?

### Today's Objectives:

By the end of this workshop, participants will be better able to:

- \* Understand the definition, dynamics and prevalence of stalking
- \* Recognize the intersection of stalking with domestic and sexual violence
- \* Apply practical strategies to protect victims, collect evidence, and hold offenders accountable

### Understanding Stalking



# Defining Stalking





# BEHAVIORAL



LEGAL/STATUTORY