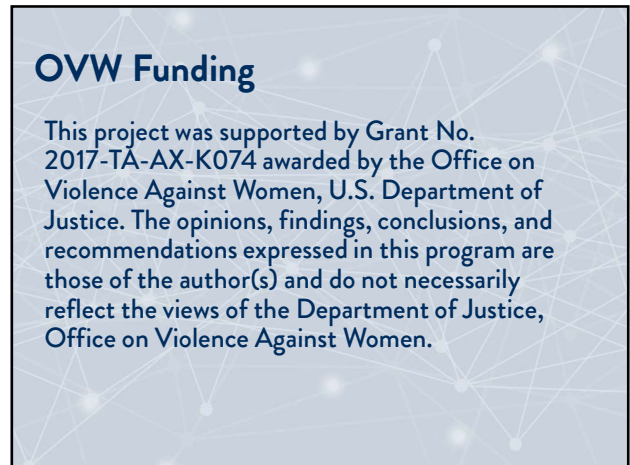




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TRAUMATIC

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.

Baum, K., Catalano, S., Rand, M. (2009). *Stalking Victimization in the United States*. Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics.
Blaauw, E., Arensman, E., Winkel, F.W., Freeve, A., & Sheridan, L. (2002). The Toll of Stalking. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 17(1): 50-63.

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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.”

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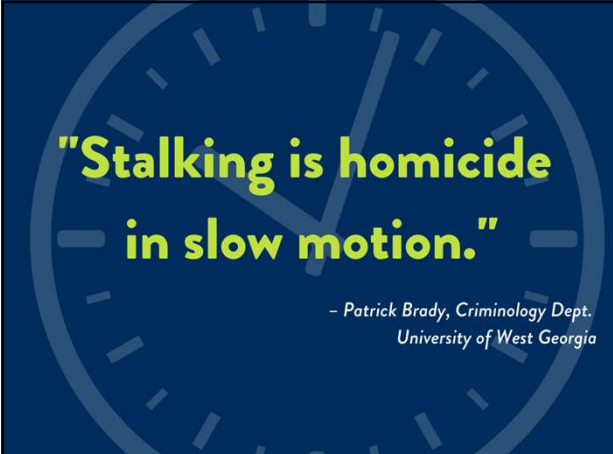


DANGEROUS

- * **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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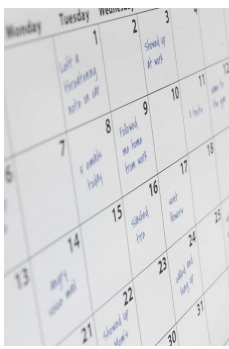
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“Stalking is homicide in slow motion.”

- Patrick Brady, Criminology Dept.
University of West Georgia

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Stalking is one of the few crimes where early intervention can prevent violence and death.

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Reporting Stalking

- 28% of stalking victims report to law enforcement
- 16% of stalking victims seek victim services
- Fewer than 29% of student stalking victims seek services on campus
 - One study showed less than 8% disclosed to a formal support



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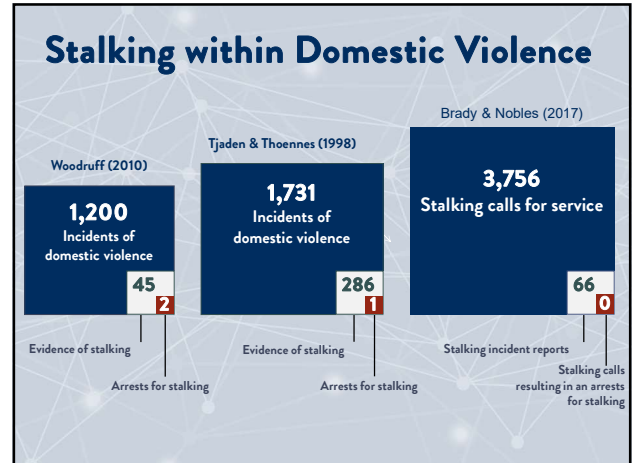
Domestic Violence Crimes Study

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

How many cases were charged as stalking?

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Accessing Victim Services

About 16% of all stalking victims sought victim services.

Nearly 1 in 4 victims who sought victim services did not receive any.

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Understanding Stalking

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Defining Stalking

- BEHAVIORAL**
- LEGAL/STATUTORY**
 - State & Federal Statutes
 - Clery Act, Title IX
 - School Policy

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Poll: Is this stalking?

1. A student peeks into the women's locker room.
2. An ex-partner repeatedly spreads vicious rumors about their former partner on social media.
3. A supervisor regularly asks her employee personal questions, mocks him in meetings, sends e-mails at odd hours and is verbally abusive when he doesn't respond right away.

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A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel **FEAR** for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

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A pattern of behavior...

- * Not a single incident or "one off" event
- * Called a "course of conduct" in most statutes




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...directed at a specific person...



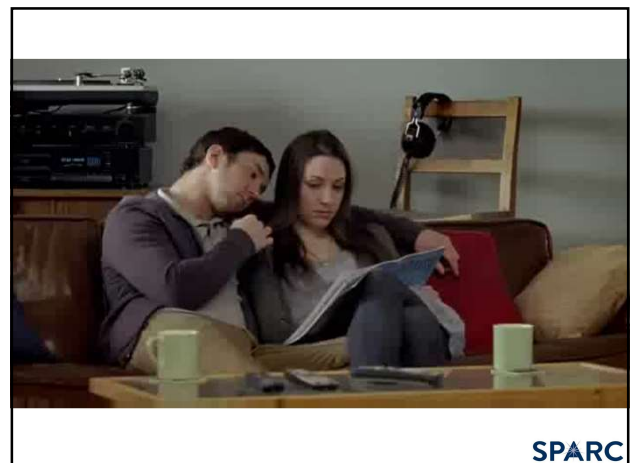
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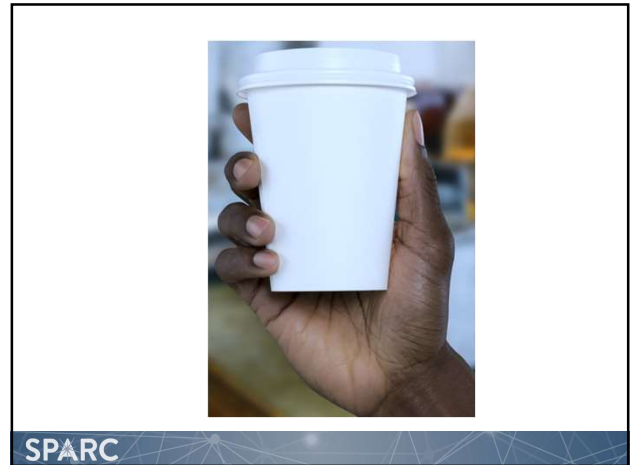
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CONTEXT IS CRITICAL
in stalking cases.


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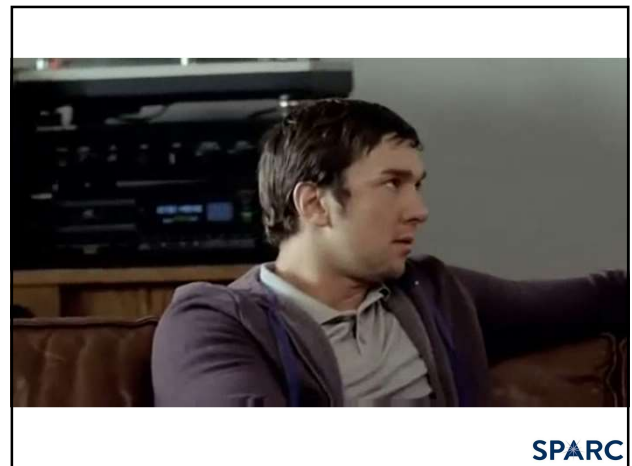
Context



- * Something may be frightening to the victim but not to you
- * Stalking behaviors often have specific meanings
- * Stalking criminalizes otherwise non-criminal behavior

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Victim Reaction: Is it Fear?

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Document Evidence of Accommodations



Changes to accounts, numbers, and settings



Finances spent on safety devices or accommodations



Increased Security/Privacy Measures



Financial impacts, including employment consequences, identity theft, and cost of damaged property

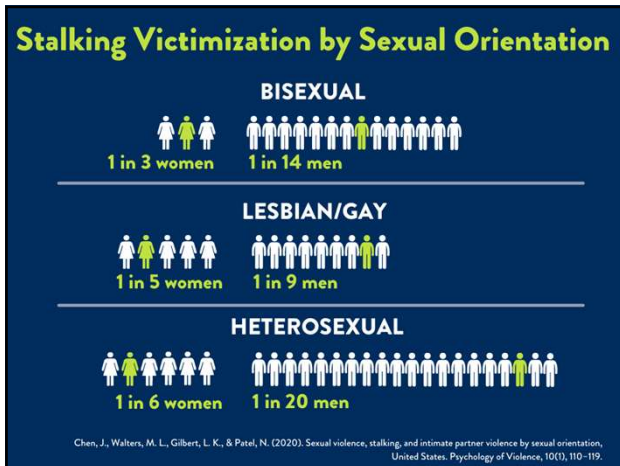
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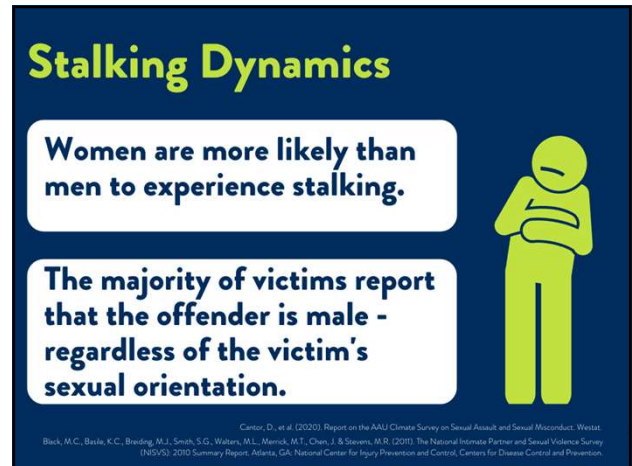
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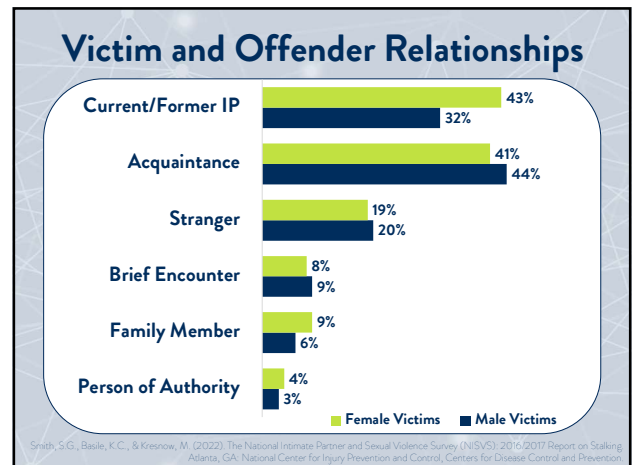
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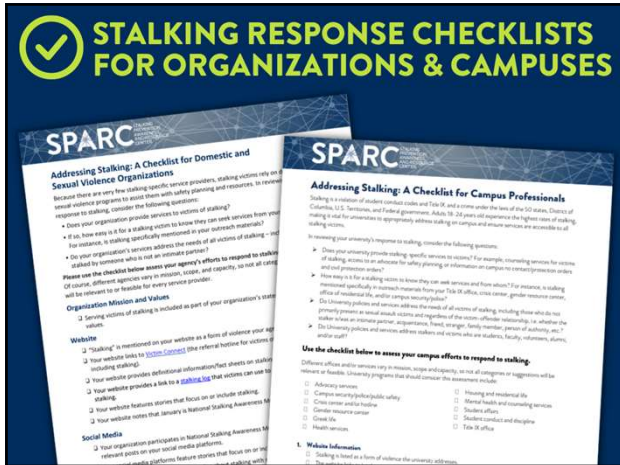
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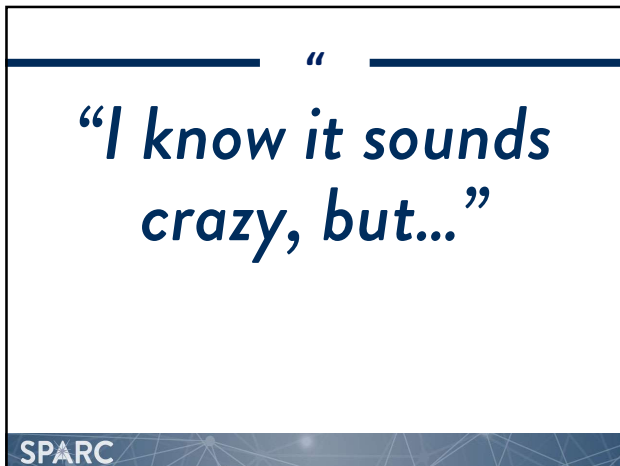
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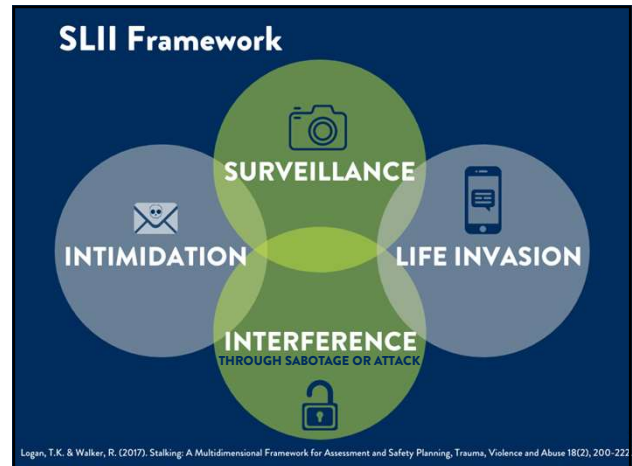
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INTIMIDATION



- Threats
- Property damage
- Symbolic violence
- Forced confrontations
- Threaten or actually harm self
- Threats to victim about harming others

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INTERFERENCE THROUGH SABOTAGE OR ATTACK







- Financial and work sabotage
- Ruining reputation
- Custody interference
- Keep from leaving
- Road rage
- Attack family/friends/pets
- Physical/sexual attack

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Screening for Stalking

Has the Offender...

- been tracking, following, or monitoring Victim in any way? 
- repeatedly invaded Victim's life/privacy by initiating unwanted contact with Victim? 
- significantly and directly interfered with Victim's life?
 - >physically/sexually assaulted Victim during course of conduct?
 - >forcibly kept Victim from leaving, held against will, caused serious accident, assaulted others, or seriously attacked Victim? 
- more than one time, intimidated or scared Victim through threats, property damage, threatening or actual harming of pets, or other means? 

Logan, T.K. & Walker, R. (2017). Stalking: A Multidimensional Framework for Assessment and Safety Planning. Trauma, Violence and Abuse 18(2), 200-222.

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Screening for Stalking

If YES to any of the previous, during the actions mentioned above...

- Did these actions make Victim afraid or concerned for safety or safety of children, family, and/or coworkers?
- Did Victim make significant life changes for safety reason because of these actions? (change day-to-day routines, spend money on home safety, took time off work?)
- Did these actions make Victim afraid or concerned about significant financial or social impact? (Loss of job, loss of housing, financial harm?)

NOT AT ALL? SOMEWHAT? EXTREMELY?

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CRIMES INCLUDING

IDENTITY THEFT, COMPUTER CRIMES 	VANDALISM, PROPERTY CRIMES 	VOYEURISM, PRIVACY VIOLATION, IMAGE CREATION & DISTRIBUTION 
EAVESDROPPING, TRESPASSING, NONCONSENSUAL RECORDING 	FALSE REPORTS, WITNESS INTIMIDATION 	AND MORE 

MAY BE PART OF A STALKER'S COURSE OF CONDUCT

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Changing Behaviors

- * 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach
- * 66% of stalkers pursue their victim at least once per week

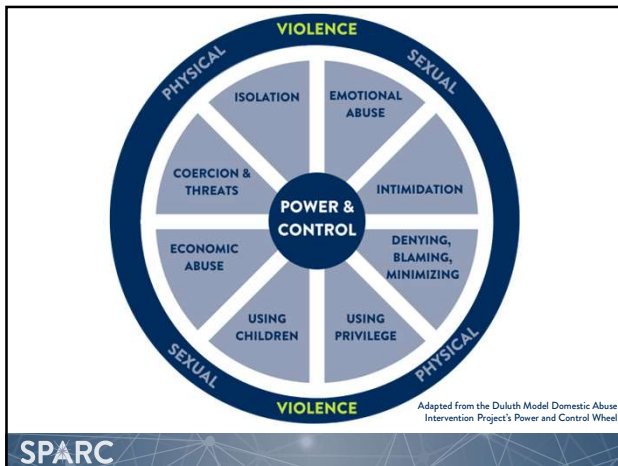
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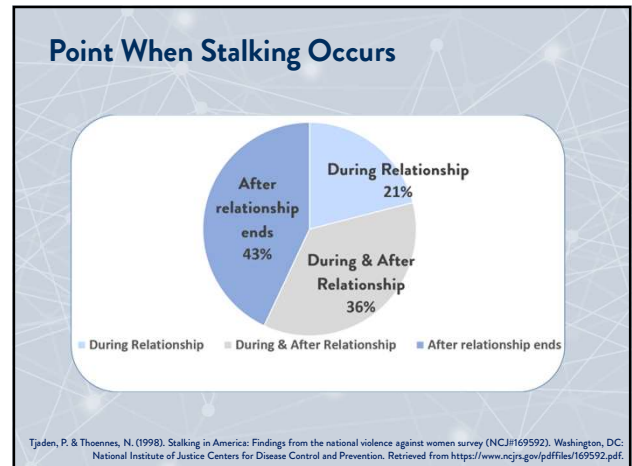
Co-Victimizations: Stalking, Intimate Partner Violence, and Sexual Violence

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On average, intimate partner stalkers pose the greatest threats to their victims.

WHY?

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Relationships, Violence, & Threats

%	Intimate	Acquaintance	Private Stranger	Public Figure
Presence of Threats	83	66	50	18
Presence of Violence	74	50	36	2

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Intimate partner stalkers are more likely to:

- physically approach the victim
- be interfering, insulting, and threatening
- use weapons
- escalate behaviors quickly
- re-offend

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Study of Women with Protective Orders

Women who were **abused and stalked** experienced **significantly higher rates** of the following than women who were abused but not stalked:

- * Verbal abuse, degradation, jealousy and control
- * Serious threats
- * Moderate and severe physical violence
- * Sexual violence and sexual assault
- * Threats to kill and threats with a weapon
- * Being beat up, attacks with a weapon and injury

Logan, T.K., Shannon, L., & Cole, J. (2007). Stalking Victimization in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence. *Violence Vict*, 22(6), 669-683.

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In 85% of attempted & 76% of completed intimate partner femicides, stalking occurred in the year prior to the attack.

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Stalking is a Lethality Risk

Top 10 risk factors for intimate partner homicide	Risk for male perpetrated & female IPH victimization
1) Direct access to guns	11-fold increase in risk of IPH
2) Threatened victim with a weapon	7-fold increase in risk
3) Non-fatal strangulation	7-fold increase in risk
4) Perpetrated rape/forced sex	5-fold increase in risk
5) Controlling behaviors	6-fold increase in risk
6) Threatened to harm the victim	4-fold increase in risk
7) Abused victim while pregnant	4-fold increase in risk
8) Perpetrated stalking	3-fold increase in risk of IPH
9) Jealousy	2-fold increase in risk
10) Substance abuse	2-fold increase in risk

Spencer, C.M. & Stith, S.M. (2018). Risk Factors for Male Perpetration and Female Victimization of Intimate Partner Homicide: A Meta-Analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse* 21(3): 527-540.

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Intersections of Stalking & Sexual Assault

- Stalker threatens/plans to sexually assault the victim.
- Stalker attempts to get someone else to assault the victim.
- Stalker sexually assaults the victim.
- Stalker contacts victim after sexual assault.

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Some offenders use stalking strategies to groom for sexual violence.

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31% OF WOMEN STALKED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER WERE ALSO SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY THAT PARTNER.

Taylor, P. & Thomas, N. (2006). *Stalking in America: Findings from the national intimate partner violence (NIPV) survey*. Washington, DC: NIH/CDC.

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Women with Protective Orders

Behavior	Abuse Only No Stalking or Rape	Stalking
Sexual Degradation	45%	61%
Sexual Coercion	49.3%	78%
Verbal Pressure	33.8%	68%
Substance Use	4.2%	19%
Implicit Threats/Force	21%	47.5%
Penetration While Victim Sleeping	11%	15%

Logan, T.K. & Cole, J. (2011). Exploring the Intersection of Partner Stalking and Sexual Abuse. *Violence Against Women* 17 (7), 904-924.

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SEXUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ASK SURVIVORS ABOUT CO-OCCURRING VICTIMIZATIONS.

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Why Name Stalking?

- Charging & Prosecution
- Safety Planning
- Victim Empowerment

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Totally stalking your vacation pics on Insta 📸

LOL! Enjoy 😂

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Responding to Victims

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How do Victims Cope?


Move INWARD




Move AWAY




Move TOWARDS




Move AGAINST



Move OUTWARD





Spitzberg, B.H. & Cupach, W. (2007) The State of the Art of Stalking: Taking Stock of the Emerging Literature. *Aggression and Violent Behavior* 12(1): 64-86.

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Advise Disengagement

Recommend no contact with the stalker

- Explain intermittent reinforcement

BUT realize victims engage in behaviors to keep themselves safe.

- Maintain contact, negotiation, minimizing threat
- Contact may be a safety strategy



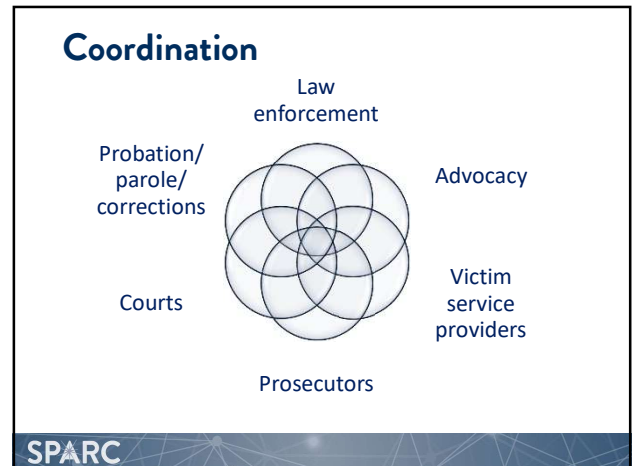


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STALKING INCIDENT AND BEHAVIOR LOG						
Date	Time	Description of Incident	Location of Incident (physical location, technology used, online platform)	Witness Name(s) (attach address and phone number)	Evidence Attached? (photos, video, screenshots, items, etc.)	Report Made To (name, officer/badge or identification #)

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