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www.StalkingAwareness.org

* Training modules
* Victim resources
* Practitioner guides
* Webinars

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Impacts of Stalking
How might stalking impact a victim’s...

1. Mental and physical health?
2. Employment?
3. Social life?
4. Family relationships and parenting?
What are Victims Afraid Of?

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Number of victims: 3,416,900

“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.”
Stalking and Physical Violence

* 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 include stalking in the year prior.


Safety Planning around Stalking Behaviors
Why Safety Plan?

* Provides practical ways to decrease risks
* Puts victims in contact with a variety of services
* Not a guarantee of safety, can assist
* Stalkers continually change their tactics
What is Safety Planning?

An individualized plan that identifies specific strategies and interventions that may increase safety.

* Provides practical ways to decrease risk
* Puts victims in contact with a variety of services, agencies, and individuals who can help
* Is not a guarantee of safety, but can assist in improving safety
Safety planning is an ongoing process.
Remember that Stalking...

* Includes diverse behaviors
* Typically involves multiple tactics
* Can last a long time
Diversity of Stalking Behaviors

S - Surveillance
L - Life Invasion
I - Interference
I - Intimidation

First Response

Any time a victim reports any type of harassing behavior

* Consider the possibility of a stalking case

* Determine whether this is an isolated incident or repeated conduct
Victim Responses

* Victims are likely to over-focus on some incidents and minimize others.
* Think expansively about different stalking behaviors and how to safety plan around them.
Strategies: Private

- Change routes to and from frequent destinations
- Change the hours of work and life routine, if possible
- Educate self on technology safety: change passwords and security questions, turn off geolocation
- Upgrade home security or monitoring, if possible
- Pack a back and make an escape plan from home
Strategies: Involving Community

* Provide offender photo and information to security, neighbors and other parties
* Inform frequently visited locations (school, work, child’s programs) not to provide contact or other information
* Travel/go to car or public transit with security guard or colleague
# Safety Plan

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## Safety Strategies (What will help?)

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<td>Keep abuser off premises; enhance security</td>
<td>copy of protective order, photo</td>
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<td>police</td>
<td>Arrest abuser</td>
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<td>church</td>
<td>$ to help change locks</td>
<td>application for funds</td>
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Safety Strategies
Responding to Victims

- Advise disengagement
- Documentation
- Safety needs and support services
Safety

Is there a threat of imminent harm or danger?

- For victim or others?

Recommend: disengagement & no contact

- Any contact can be intermittent reinforcement
- Attempts to negotiate
- Challenges
Should Victims “Just Log Off”?
Possibility of Escalation

“...the victim’s attempts to distance themselves from their stalker actually frustrate or anger the stalker, leading to an increase in the physical threat to their lives.”

Expressing Desire for No Contact

* “I am not interested in having a relationship with you. Do not contact me ever again. Do not call, stop by, text, or contact me in any way whatsoever.”

* “I do not want you to contact me in any way. If you continue to do so – or if you are on my property, or follow me – I will call the police.”

* “I am ending this relationship. I am not going to change my mind. Do not contact me again. I do not want to have any communication with you, in any form. If you try to contact me, I will call the police/take legal action.”
Orders of Protection

Consider:

* Pros and cons
* Quality of enforcement
* Is the victim willing to call the police?
* Violation rates (at least 45% for female victims)

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Discuss

* How to balance freedom and safety
* Next steps in case something does happen
* How often to re-assess the safety plan
* Risk-reduction versus absolute safety
More Dangerous Times

* Separation
* Protective order served / criminal arrest
* Offender’s loss of job, other life events
* Increase in quantity of contacts
* Escalation in behaviors
More Dangerous Offenders

* History of substance abuse
* Possession and / or fascination with weapons
* History of violence, especially towards victim
* Threats of murder / murder-suicide
* History of mental illness
* Actual pursuit
* Vandalism, arson
* Tendency towards emotional outbursts and rage
* History of violating protection orders
Latest Reports

For a quick reference on stalking check this out!

Stalking: Connecting the Dots For Advocates
Stalking: Connecting the Dots For Judges
Stalking: Connecting the Dots For Law Enforcement
Stalking: Connecting the Dots For Victims
Stalking: Connecting the Dots For Friends
Stalking: Connecting the Dots For Mental Health Professionals

Stalking and Harassment Assessment & Risk Profile (SHARP)

Frequently Asked Questions About the Stalking and Harassment Assessment & Risk Profile (SHARP)
Enter a Stalking and Harassment Assessment & Risk Profile (SHARP)
Leave Feedback about SHARP

SHARP Narratives Convey the Big Picture of Victims' Experience of Stalking (BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT)
Stalking Harassment Assessment and Risk Profile (SHARP)

Narrative Report
- Articulate the story with a short summary
- Third party perspective

Safety Management Tool
- Safety suggestions tailored to responses

http://www.cdar.uky.edu/CoerciveControl/sharp.html
Case Study: Peggy Klinke
Stalking:
Safety Planning with Peggy

How could Peggy be safer...
* At home?
* Out and about in her daily life?
* Without disclosing what’s happening to others?
Discussion

* Do you envision your agency using SHARP? If so, how?

* How could SHARP increase accountability for Patrick?

* How could SHARP help with safety planning for Peggy?
Coordination

Law enforcement

Probation/parole/corrections

Courts

Prosecutors

Advocacy

Victim service providers
Systemic Response

Educate: Awareness of stalking, safety planning

Investigate: Context, pattern, and mode of stalking

Communicate: Across disciplines, jurisdictions

Prosecute: Hold offenders accountable
Stalking Cards

* Why might this behavior be threatening?
* What safety steps could you put in place to minimize the risks of this behavior recurring?
* What other information do you want?
Resources
Victims Need Information

Consider:

* Naming stalking in addition to other victimizations
* Distributing brochures about stalking
* Explaining the full range of stalking behaviors
* Sharing SPARC website and other resources as relevant
Tech Safety

Welcome to the Tech Safety App. This app contains information that can help someone identify technology-facilitated harassment, stalking, or abuse and includes tips on what can be done.

Download on the 
App Store

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Google play
Champions for Justice

AEquitas is a nonprofit organization focused on developing, evaluating, and refining prosecution practices related to gender-based violence and human trafficking. We’re a team of former prosecutors with decades of experience, working globally to hold offenders accountable and promote victim safety.
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