



SPARC is pleased to provide:

<p>IN-PERSON TRAININGS</p> 	<p>ONLINE RESOURCES</p> 	<p>INDIVIDUAL & ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE</p> 
<p>WEBINARS OFFERED QUARTERLY AND BY REQUEST</p> 	<p>NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH MATERIALS</p>	<p>POLICY & PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT</p> 

Understanding Stalking



Defining Stalking 

 **BEHAVIORAL**

 **LEGAL/STATUTORY**

STALKING DEFINITION: BEHAVIORAL

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





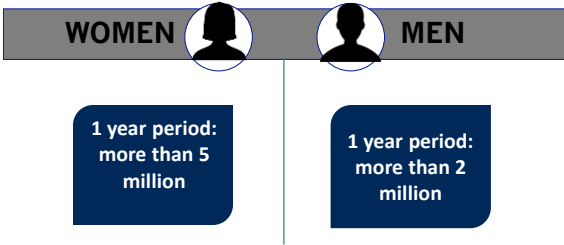
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CONTEXT IS CRITICAL
in stalking cases.

Stalking Prevalence and Behavior



PREVALENCE OF STALKING



6- 7.5 million people are stalked in a one year period in the United States



Stalking Dynamics

Women are more likely than men to experience stalking.

The majority of victims report that the offender is male.

The majority of victims know the offender.

18-24 year olds experience the highest rates of stalking (among adults).

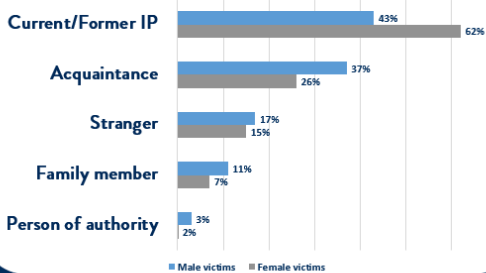


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Victim and Offender Relationships



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CRIMINAL

- FEDERAL LEVEL
- ALL 50 STATES, D.C., & U.S. TERRITORIES
- TRIBAL CODES
- UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE

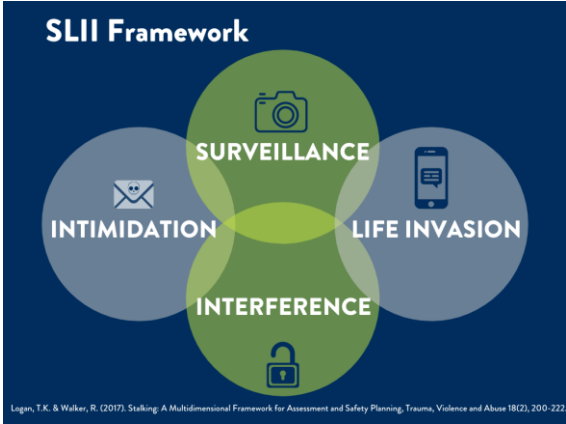
Understanding Stalking:
Stalking Behaviors



Why Do They Stalk?

- Seeking affection
- Power & control
- Rejection
- Obsession
- Planning to commit a crime
- Because they can





 **SURVEILLANCE**

- Follow
- Watch
- Wait
- Show up
- Tracking software
- Obtain information about victim
- Proxy stalking

LIFE INVASION 

- Unwanted contact at home, work, etc.
- Showing up
- Phone calls
- Property invasion
- Public humiliation
- Harass friends/family



INTERFERENCE

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

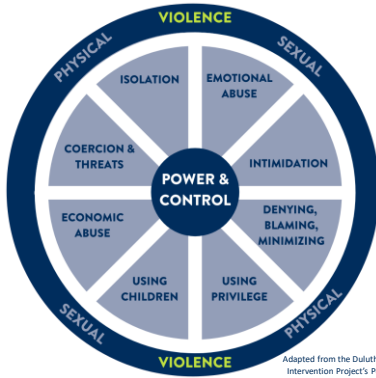
INTIMIDATION



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

Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence





Adapted from the Duluth Model Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Power and Control Wheel

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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

Mohandie, K., Meloy, J.R., McGowan, M.G., & Williams, J. (2006). The RECON Typology of Stalking: Reliability and Validity Based upon a Large Sample of North American Stalkers. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 51(1), 147-155.

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Narrative Report & Risk Profile

Safety Planning Suggestions

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! Stalking Risk Factors



BIG PICTURE



STALKER MINDSET



STALKER HISTORY



VICTIM VULNERABILITY

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14 Risk Factors in Stalking Cases



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- Course of conduct
- Escalation
- Nature & context of threats

STALKER MINDSET

- Stalker motive
- Proxy stalking
- Weapons
- Resistance & persistence



STALKER HISTORY

- Past control, jealousy, & violence
- Past violence and abuse towards others
- Criminal justice history
- Substance use & mental health

VICTIM

VULNERABILITY



- Fear level
- Stalker technology expertise
- Victim vulnerability

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- 4. Stalker motive
- 5. Proxy stalking
- 6. Weapons
- 7. Resistance and persistence

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STALKER HISTORY

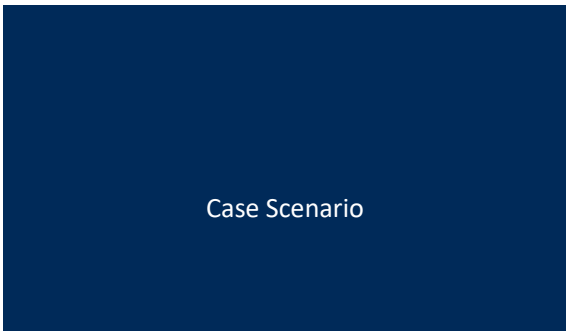
- 8. History of partner control, jealousy, and violence
- 9. Past violence and abuse towards others
- 10. Criminal justice history
- 11. Substance use and mental health

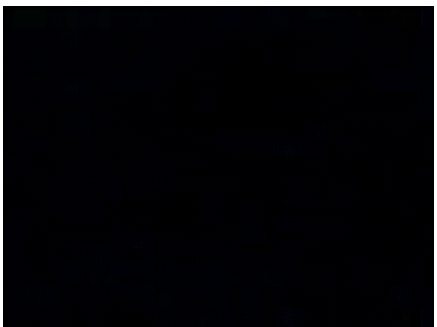
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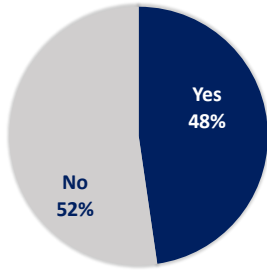
- 12. Fear level
- 13. Stalker technology expertise
- 14. Victim vulnerability

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Sexual Assault Victims Who Also Experienced Stalking (Ages 18-24)



Brady, P. Q., & Woodward Griffin, V. (2019). The Intersection of Stalking and Sexual Assault Among Emerging Adults: Unpublished Preliminary Results. mTurk Findings, 2019.



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



DENVER 04/03/2010 05:52 am ET | Updated Dec 06, 2017

Jebidiah Stipe, Wyoming Marine, Solicited Ex-Girlfriend's Rape And Assault On Craigslist

Details emerge in Web rape case

California Marine also tried to solicit rape of ex-wife, authorities say

By WILLIAM BROWNING - Star-Tribune staff writer Feb 5, 2010

Judge gives man 60 years in Craigslist rape case



Impact on Victims



Safety



Disengagement

Documentation

Safety needs and support services

Disengagement

- * Complete disengagement (no contact with offender) is ideal
 - * Intermittent reinforcement
 - BUT...*
- * Realize victims engage in behaviors to keep themselves safe:
 - * Maintain contact, negotiation, minimizing threat
 - * Contact may be a safety strategy

STALKING INCIDENT LOG

Date	Time	Description of Incident	Location of Incident	Witness Name(s) (Attach Address and Phone #)	Police Called (Report #)	Officer Name (Badge #)



Survivor assessment of risk is a vital part of safety planning as professionals often minimize risk.

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Safety Planning

Start where the victim is

Creating a safe space for victims

Focusing on victim strengths

Accessing resources and referrals

Planning for emotional safety

Logan, TK and Walker, Robert. *Looking into the Day-To-Day Process of Victim Safety Planning*, 33, *Journal of Family Violence* 197-211 (2018).

Advocacy

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Advocacy & Support

- * Prediction & Preparation
- * Victims need **information**
 - * Reporting
 - * Justice process
 - * Criminal
 - * Civil
- * Can help the victim regain control







CCR Strategies

- Focus on Risk
 - * SHARP Risk Assessment
- Frequent multi-disciplinary case review
- Comprehensive and integrated approaches
- Supervision strategies focused on containing risk through monitoring and restriction of activity
 - * Guide for Corrections & Probation
- Victim safety planning
 - * Safety Planning Strategies

CCR Response

Intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary Training

- * SPARC training request form
- * SPARC training archives

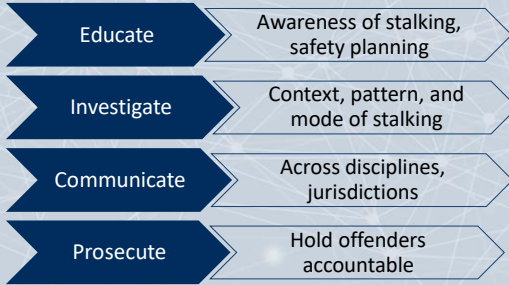
Policies, procedures

- * SPARC Advocacy Guide, Prosecution Guide, Corrections Guide, LE Guide (coming soon)
- * SPARC individualized technical assistance

Practices

- * VS organizational assessment checklist on SPARC website

Systemic Response



Resources for Professionals



A graphic of a computer monitor with a lime green frame. The screen displays the website URL **www.StalkingAwareness.org** at the top. Below the URL, there is a list of resources: ***Practitioner guides**, ***Training modules**, ***Victim resources**, and ***Webinars**. At the bottom of the screen, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, followed by the handle **@FollowUsLegally** and the text **Sign Up for our Newsletter!**. The background of the screen is dark blue with a network of white lines.

A dark blue rectangular graphic with a lime green horizontal line at the top. The text **Jennifer Landhuis M.S.** is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, **Director of SPARC** is written in white, with **SPARC** in a larger font. To the right of **SPARC**, the text **STALKING PREVENTION, AWARENESS, AND RESOURCE CENTER** is written in smaller white letters. Below this, there are three contact options: a phone icon followed by **202. 819. 1391**, an envelope icon followed by **Director@StalkingAwareness.org**, and a starburst icon followed by **StalkingAwareness.org**. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, followed by the handle **@FollowUsLegally**. The graphic is decorated with white starburst icons.
