



Welcome to Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

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Stalking Information Sheet

What is Stalking?

“Any person who willfully harasses another person with the intent to injure, terrify, threaten or intimidate commits the offense of stalking.”~Section28-311.03 NE Statute

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Stalking can include persistent phone calls, messages, hang ups; following or watching; unwanted gifts, letter, cards, emails; vandalism, breaking & entering, theft; monitoring phone or computer use; hidden cameras; gps; driving by or loitering near home, school; threats to harm.

Prevalence of Stalking

- 1.4 million people are stalked every year in the U.S.—more than 1 million are women
- About 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will become targets of stalking behavior at least once in their lifetime.
- 87% of stalkers are men
- 13% of college women were stalked during one 6-9 month period

Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence

- 59% of female victims & 30% of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner
- 81% of women stalked by a current/former intimate partner are also physically assaulted
- 73% of intimate partner stalkers threatened victims with physical violence; almost 46% experienced one or more violent incidents.
- 31% of stalking victims who were stalked by an intimate partner reported that they had been sexually assaulted by that partner
- In 10.3% of stalking incidents of college women, the victim reported the stalker forced or attempted sexual contact.
- 76% of intimate partner femicide victims had been stalked by their intimate partner and 67% of them had been physically abused by their intimate partner.

Stalking and Technology

Telephone technology – such as monitoring or intercepting calls, spy phones, using voice mail to leave/intercept messages, spoofing, IP relay, VoIP, or anonymous text messaging.

Surveillance Technology – such as using GPS to track via cell phone/other device or using cameras such as webcams and nannycams.



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Computer and Internet Technology – such as using email to threaten, intercept messages, or impersonate someone, using spyware, using a keystroke logging device, or monitoring internet history.

What is on the web about you (or your clients)?

- “Google” yourself to see what information is on the internet about you.
- Free databases of information like ZabaSearch and Veromi can give your information to others
- Satellite maps can show your location
- Court and government sites may have information about you, including property assessor sites.

Stalking Myths	Stalking Realities
Only celebrities are stalked	1.4 million people are stalked every year in the US. We may hear more about celebrity stalking, but the vast majority of victims are ordinary citizens
If you ignore stalking, it will go away	Stalkers don't “just stop.” Behaviors can turn more and more violent as time goes on. Victims can seek help from advocates and the criminal justice system to intervene.
Stalking is creepy but not dangerous	Stalking is creepy and dangerous. Three out of four women who were murdered by an intimate partner had been previously stalked by the killer
Stalking is annoying but not illegal	Stalking is a crime in Nebraska under Section 28-311.03 of Nebraska statutes
You can't be stalked by someone you are dating.	If your current partner tracks your every move or follows you around in a way that causes you fear, that is stalking.
Modern surveillance technology is too expensive and confusing for most stalkers to use.	Stalkers can buy surveillance software and hardware for as little as \$30 and can easily track victim's every move on a computer.
If you confront the stalker, he will go away.	Stalkers can be unreasonable and unpredictable. Confronting a stalker can be dangerous.

Resource: Stalking Resource Center www.ncvc.org/src