



STUDENT INFORMATION: STALKING

Questions or Concerns:

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Women's Center
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County Victim Services
Hotline: 1-800-400-8551

What is Stalking?

A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his or others safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. (VAWA SaVE Act 2013)

Red Flags for Stalking:

- Shows up at victim's home or place of work unannounced or uninvited.
- Sends unwanted text messages, letters, emails and voicemails.
- Leaves unwanted items, gifts or flowers.
- Constantly calls victim and hangs up.
- Uses social networking sites and technology to track victim.
- Spreads rumors about victim via the internet or word of mouth.
- Makes unwanted phone calls to victim.
- Calls victim's employer or professor.
- Damages victim's home, car or other property.

(Adapted from www.loveisrespect.org, National Dating Abuse Helpline)

What to Do If You Are Being Stalked:

1. Trust your instincts. Victims of stalking often feel pressured by friends or family to downplay the stalker's behavior, but stalking poses a real threat of harm. Your safety is paramount.
2. Call the police if you feel you are in any immediate danger. Explain why even some actions that seem harmless—like leaving you a gift—are causing you fear.
3. Keep a record or log of each contact with the stalker. Be sure to also document any police reports

4. Stalkers often use technology to contact their victims. Save all e-mails, text messages, photos, and postings on social networking sites as evidence of the stalking behavior.

(Adapted from The National Center for Victims of Crime)

Offices available on campus:

University Police: (724) 738-3333

Counseling Center: (724) 738-2034

Student Conduct: (724) 738-4985

Women's Center: (724) 738-2992