

Stalking

WHAT IS IT?

Stalking is a series of actions — a course of conduct that causes a person to feel fear. Stalking can take many forms, including: following, continuously contacting, animal abuse and vandalizing.

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

- There are 3.4 million victims of stalking each year in the U.S. ¹
- Most victims, three out of four, are stalked by someone they know ¹
- One in seven stalking victims relocate as a result of their victimization ¹
- Kansas averages 3,200 Protection from Stalking Order filings each year ²

¹Katrina Baum et al., "Stalking Victimization in the United States," Washington, DC: BJS, 2009.

²"A Report on Domestic Violence and Rape Statistics in Kansas, as Reported by Law Enforcement," Kansas Bureau of Investigation, 2008.

STALKERS MAY

- Damage the victim's personal property
- Use technology to monitor or locate the victim
- Threaten anyone close to the victim, including threatening or harming pets



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VICTIMS OFTEN

- Live in fear of what the stalker will do next
- Don't know who to trust
- Cope with trauma in a variety of ways, which may seem uncharacteristic or destructive — physically, psychologically and socially
- Feel frustrated or isolated because others don't understand or can't relate

YOU CAN HELP

- If you see abnormal changes in behavior in someone that you know, tell them you are concerned
- Believe victims
- Refer victims to 888-END-ABUSE (888-363-2287) and the sexual or domestic violence organization serving your community
- Learn more about stalking and share information with others
- Donate time or resources to your local sexual or domestic violence organization

SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS & RESOURCES FOR YOU:

Kansas Crisis Hotline
888-END-ABUSE
(888-363-2287)