What Is Stalking?
Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Victimization
- 6.6 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States.\(^i\)
- Persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.\(^{ii}\)
- 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.\(^{iii}\)
- 30% of stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.\(^{iv}\) Intimate partner stalkers frequently approach their targets, and their behaviors escalate quickly.
- 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.\(^v\)
- 46% of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next.\(^{vi}\)
- 1 in 8 employed stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and more than half lose 5 days of work or more.\(^{vii}\)
- 1 in 4 victims report being stalked through the use of some form of technology (such as e-mail or instant messaging).\(^{viii}\)

Stalkers
- 2/3 of stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week. Many stalkers pursue their victim daily and use more than one method.\(^{ix}\)
- Almost 1/3 of stalkers have stalked before.\(^x\)

Lethality
- 76% of intimate partner femicide victims have been stalked by their intimate partner.
- 89% of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted had also been stalked in the 12 months before their murder.\(^{xi}\)

\(^{iii}\) Ibid
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\(^{xi}\) McFarlane, Judith et al., “Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide,”(1999) Homicide Studies 3, no.4

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