

Stalking and Sexual Assault

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The Stalking Resource Center is a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime. The mission of the Stalking Resource Center is to enhance the ability of professionals, organizations, and systems to effectively respond to stalking. The Stalking Resource Center envisions a future in which the criminal justice system and its many allied community partners will effectively collaborate and respond to stalking, improve victim safety and well-being, and hold offenders accountable.

The Stalking Resource Center provides training, technical assistance, and resource materials for professionals working with and responding to stalking victims and offenders.

Stalking

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

Context is critical!

Prevalence of Sexual Assault

1.3 million women were raped in 1 year in U.S.

- Nearly 1 in 5 women raped in their lifetime
- 1 in 71 men raped in their lifetime

- The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Summary Report (2011)

Prevalence of Stalking

How many people are stalked in one year:

- United States?
- Idaho?
- In your community?

Stalking Dynamics

- Individuals age 18 - 24 experience the highest rates of stalking
- Women more likely to experience stalking victimization
- Most stalkers are male
 - Males equally likely to be stalked by a male or female
- The majority of victims know their stalkers

Intersection with Physical & Sexual Violence

3/4 of women who experienced stalking-related behaviors experienced other forms of victimization (sexual, physical, or both)

- ❑ Stalking and physical assault only 8%
- ❑ Stalking and rape/sexual assault only 26%
- ❑ Stalking, physical and rape/sexual assault 11%

- *Stalking acknowledgement and reporting among college women experiencing intrusive behaviors* (2007)

Stalking and Sexual Assault

- ❑ 2% of stalking victims were raped/sexually assaulted by their stalker

- *Stalking Victimization in the United States*, BJS (2009)

- ❑ 31% of women stalked by her intimate partner were also sexually assaulted by that partner

- *National Violence Against Women Survey*, Tjaden & Thoennes (1998)

Premeditation and Stalking

- ❑ What does premeditation mean?
- ❑ How might someone premeditate a sexual assault?
- ❑ Can premeditation = stalking?

Nondomestic Organized Stalker



The Undetected Rapist

1,882 men interviewed as part of the study...all were volunteer participants

Sample question:

Have you ever had sexual intercourse with an adult when they didn't want to because you used physical force (twisting their arm; holding them down, etc.) if they didn't cooperate?

Lisak, David. *Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists*, *Violence and Victims*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2002.

Of the 1,882 men:

- 120 (6.4%) met criteria for rape or attempted rape
 - 76 reported committing multiple rapes
 - 120 committed a total of 483 rapes, but the **76 repeat rapists** committed **439** of them (average of 5.8 each).
- 70 of the 120 admitted to other acts of interpersonal violence, including battery, physical/sexual abuse of kids, and sexual assault short of rape/attempted rape.

Post-Assault Contact

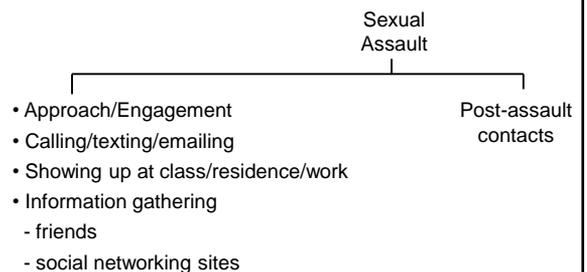
- Do offenders ever contact their victims following a sexual assault?
- What might be the nature of those contacts?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Think Broadly About “Contact”

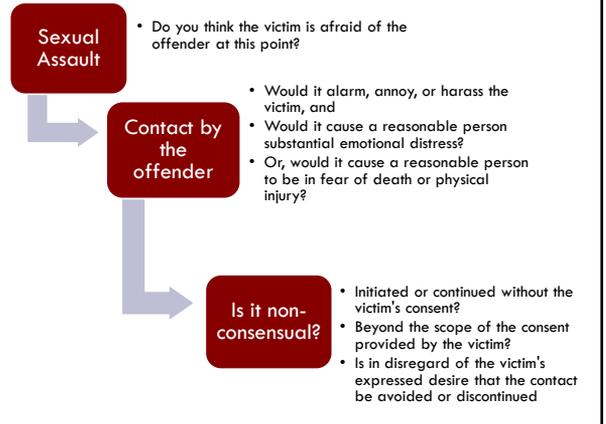
- In-person contact
- Third person contact
- Phone
- Texting
- Email
- IM/Chat
- Social Networking Sites
 - Contact with victim
 - Postings to own sites

Course of Conduct



Making the Connection

- Validation of Victims' Experiences
- Enhanced opportunities for intervention
- Increased opportunities for offender accountability



Resources for Victims

- Are You Being Stalked? (Brochure for Victims)
- Stalking Questions and Answers
- Stalking Incident Behavior Log
- Safety Plan Guidelines
- Cyberstalking: Dangers on the Information Superhighway
- Ten Things You Should Know About Stalking

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