

STALKING IN THE UNITED STATES

1 IN 3 WOMEN



1 IN 6 MEN



EXPERIENCE STALKING AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIFETIMES

1 MOST COMMON STALKING TACTICS EXPERIENCED BY VICTIMS:¹

75%  UNWANTED PHONE CALLS

APPROACHED/SHOWED UP  57%

57%  TEXTS, EMAILS, MESSAGES

FOLLOWED & WATCHED  52%

26%  SENT GIFTS, CARDS, LETTERS

Most stalkers use multiple tactics.³

72% OF STALKING VICTIMS WERE THREATENED WITH **PHYSICAL HARM**



84% OF STALKING VICTIMS FELT **FEARFUL** THREATENED, OR CONCERNED FOR SAFETY

11% OF STALKING CASES LAST **5** YEARS



1 in 5 stalkers use **WEAPONS** to threaten or harm their victims

1 in 7 stalking victims **RELOCATE**



APPROX. 13.5 MILLION PEOPLE ARE STALKED IN A 1-YEAR PERIOD

WHO ARE STALKERS?¹

42% **ACQUAINTANCES**

40% **INTIMATE PARTNERS** (CURRENT OR FORMER)

19% **STRANGERS**

8% **BRIEF ENCOUNTERS**

8% **FAMILY MEMBERS**

4% **PERSONS OF AUTHORITY**



1 IN 3 STALKERS HAVE STALKED BEFORE

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