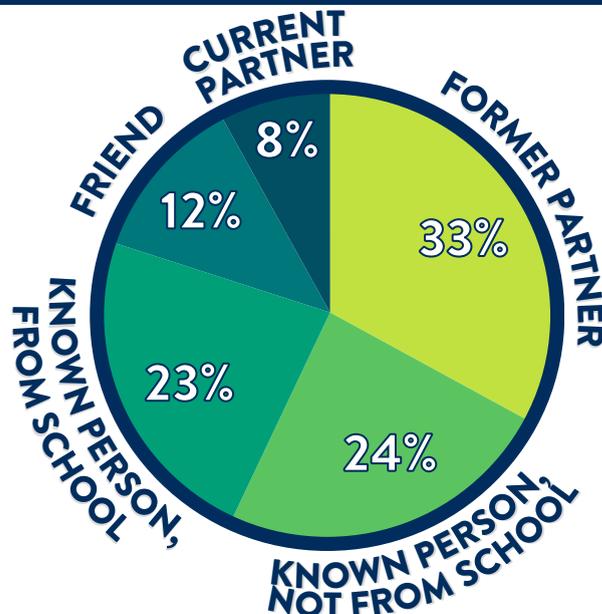# STALKING & ADOLESCENTS

While research on stalking among adolescents is limited, estimates generally show that adolescents are stalked at higher rates than adults.

48% OF TEENS (AGES 12-18) WITH DATING EXPERIENCE WERE ALSO STALKED AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIFETIMES. [1]

TEENS WHO STALK ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE VIOLENT THAN PEERS WHO DO NOT. [3]

ADOLESCENT STALKERS [2]

- CURRENT PARTNER: 8%
- FORMER PARTNER: 33%
- KNOWN PERSON, NOT FROM SCHOOL: 24%
- KNOWN PERSON, FROM SCHOOL: 23%
- FRIEND: 12%

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ADOLESCENT VICTIMS (16-18) EXPERIENCED STALKING... [4]

- IN-PERSON ONLY: 25%
- THROUGH TECH ONLY: 34%
- IN-PERSON & THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: 41%

(axis: 0 10 20 30 40 50)

INCREASED RISK OF STALKING VICTIMIZATION: [2]

- TEEN GIRLS
- TEENS OF COLOR
- LESBIAN, GAY, & BISEXUAL TEENS
- TEENS EXPOSED TO PARENTAL VIOLENCE

TEENS WITH DISABILITIES [4]

- 3X MOBILITY DISABILITIES
- 13X LEARNING DISABILITIES

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