



Stalking



Is it *REALLY* a problem?

According to the 2000 National College Women Sexual Victimization Study:

- 13% of the college women had been stalked since the school year began
- 80.3% of victims knew or had seen their stalker before
- 3 in 10 women reported being injured emotionally or psychologically from being stalked
- In 10.3% of incidents, the victim reported that the stalker forced or attempted sexual contact.
- Overall, 83.1% of stalking incidents were NOT reported to police or campus law enforcement
- 93.4% of victims confided in someone, most often a friend, that they were being stalked
- 77.7% of victims reported that harassing telephone calls were made
- 42.4% of victims reported that the stalker was an ex- or current boyfriend.

Resources

- **University of GA Police:** (706) 542-2200
- **Athens-Clarke County Police:** (706) 613-3330
- **National Center for Victims of Crime:** 1-800-FYI-CALL or www.ncvc.org
- **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** www.ncadv.org
- **Privacy Rights Clearinghouse:** www.privacyrights.org

What to do

- Maintain a log of stalking-related incidents and behavior. Recording this information will help to document the behavior for restraining order or good behavior bond applications, or criminal prosecution. It can also help preserve your memory of individual incidents about which you might later testify.
- Keep letters, and parcels as evidence even if they contain frightening or upsetting messages, do not throw them away and handle them as little as possible.
- Contact the campus police or law enforcement if the stalking occurs on-campus or your local Police Department if the crime occurs off-campus.
- If you know that a friend is being stalked, talk to them and explain the dangers of not reporting it. Tell them where to go to report it and accompany them if they need support.
- Take a mobile telephone with you when you go out. With new pay-as-you-go plans, these can be very inexpensive.
- Try to alter your daily routines, ask friends to go with you whenever possible, and always try to let someone know what your plans are.