Stalking Prevalence

More than 1 in 6 women & More than 1 in 17 men

experience stalking in their lifetimes.

## Unwanted Pursuit Victimization
(over a 6 month period)

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Stalking Prevalence
Lifetime Victims

53.8% of female victims and 47.7% of male victims were first stalked before age 25 years.

Stalking Dynamics

Women are more likely than men to experience stalking.

The majority of victims report that the offender is male.

The majority of victims know the offender.

18-24 year olds experience the highest rates of stalking (among adults).

Image Results for “Stalking”
Victim and Offender Relationships

Current/Former IP: 62% (43% Male, 19% Female)

Acquaintance: 26% (16% Male, 10% Female)

Stranger: 15% (9% Male, 6% Female)

Family member: 7% (5% Male, 2% Female)

Person of authority: 2% (1% Male, 1% Female)

Understanding Stalking: Stalking Behaviors
SLII Framework

SURVEILLANCE

INTIMIDATION

LIFE INVASION

INTERFERENCE

SURVEILLANCE

- Follow
- Watch
- Wait
- Show up
- Tracking software
- Obtain information about victim
- Proxy stalking
LIFE INVASION

- Unwanted contact at home, work, etc.
- Showing up
- Phone calls
- Property invasion
- Public humiliation
- Harass friends/family
INTERFERENCE

- Financial and work sabotage
- Ruining reputation
- Custody interference
- Keep from leaving
- Road rage
- Attack family/friends/pets
- Physical/sexual attack
INTIMIDATION

- Threats
- Property damage
- Symbolic violence
- Forced confrontations
- Threaten or actually harm self
- Threats to victim about harming others
Screening for Stalking

Has the Offender...

- been tracking, following, or monitoring Victim in any way?

- repeatedly invaded Victim’s life/privacy by initiating unwanted contact with Victim?
  (e.g., repeated contact, gifts, breaking into Victim's car or home, other unwanted intrusions)?

- significantly and directly interfered with Victim’s life?
  (e.g., spreading rumors, public humiliation, jeopardizing Victim's job, interfered with finances or housing)

- more than one time, intimidated or scared Victim through threats, property damage, threatening or actual harming of pets, or other means?

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Potential Relevant Charges: Maine

* §209. Criminal threatening
* §210. Terrorizing
* §211. Reckless conduct
* §302. Criminal restraint
* 17-A §355. Theft by extortion
* §402. Criminal trespass
* §432. Criminal invasion of computer privacy
* §454. Tampering with a witness, informant, juror or victim
* §456. Tampering with public records or information
* §506. Harassment by telephone or by electronic communication device
* §506-A. Harassment
* §506-B. Violation of protective order
* §511. Violation of privacy
* §511-A. Unauthorized dissemination of certain private images
* §805. Aggravated criminal mischief
* §806. Criminal mischief
* §905-A. Misuse of identification
Changing Behaviors

* 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach

* 66% of stalkers pursue their victim at least once per week
