

STALKING...

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- x "Most violent crimes begin with stalking. People, including children, are typically stalked prior to being abducted."
(www.soshelp.org. 2002).
- x Each year, 1 million women and 371,000 men are stalked.
(National Institute of Justice and Center for Disease Control, 1998).
- x A person's chances of being stalked are close to one in ten.
(U.S. Department of Justice).
- x One out of twelve women are stalked at some point in their lifetime.
(U.S. Department of Justice).
- x 80 percent of stalking victims are female.
(U.S. Department of Justice).
- x The average age of victims/survivors is 31 years.
(National Institute of Justice and Center for Disease Control, 1998).
- x 52 percent of victims/survivors are from the age of 18 to 29 years.
(National Institute of Justice and Center for Disease Control, 1998).
- x Average length of stalking is between .5 and 50 months.
(National Institute of Justice and Center for Disease Control, 1998).
- x Four in five college stalking victims know their offender. Of known stalkers, 42.5 percent were boyfriends or former boyfriends, 24.5 percent were classmates, 10.3 percent were acquaintances, 5.6 percent were friends, and 5.6 percent were coworkers.
(Fisher, Bonnie, Cullen, Francis, Turner, Michael. (2002). *The Sexual Victimization of College Women*. Washington, D.C.: National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice).
- x Of female victims stalked by intimate partners, 72.7 percent were verbally threatened with physical violence. 46 percent of victims experienced one or more violent incidents by the stalker. 37 percent of victims sustained physical injuries as a result.
(Brewster, Mary. (2002). "Stalking by Former Intimates: Verbal Threats and Other Predictors of Physical Violence." *Violence and Victims* 15(1): 41-54.