

## Important Fact

**Anyone** can be a victim of stalking. People who engage in stalking behavior can be a former intimate partner, stranger, acquaintance, relative, spouse, etc.

## 10 Things you need to know about stalking:

1. Stalking is a crime.
2. Stalking can happen to anyone-not just celebrities.
3. Stalking happens to many people.
4. Stalking can be very dangerous.
5. Stalking is harmful and intrusive.
6. Stalking can occur during a relationship, after a relationship, or in the absence of a relationship.
7. Computers, cell phones etc. can be used to stalk.
8. An effective response to stalking includes the entire community. Let others know what is going on in your life.
9. **You** can make a difference.
10. Help is available, but you must be willing to seek it out.

## What to do if you are being stalked?

If you have an Order of Protection, make several copies, and carry a copy with you at all times. Save any packages, letters, messages, or gifts from the stalker. Inform people you know that you are being stalked so that the stalker cannot get information about you from them. If you have a picture of the stalker, make copies and give them to people you know at the places you frequent.

### For Further Assistance and Resources:

Police Emergency Dial	<b>911</b>
New York City Information/Services call	<b>311</b>
New York City Domestic Violence Hotline (24 hour) <b>1-800-621-HOPE (4673)</b>	
For the hearing impaired: <b>1-800-810-7444</b>	
New York State Domestic Violence Hotline	
English: <b>1-800-942-6906</b>	
Spanish: <b>1-800-942-6908</b>	

New York State Child Abuse Hotline:  
**1-800-342-3720**

## VINE

**(Victim Information Notification Everyday)**

**1-888-VINE-4-NY**

Victim Information Notification Everyday is a 24 hour automated hotline that provides victims with the release date of inmates who are in custody of the New York City or State Department of Corrections prison system.

**NYPD website:** <http://www.nyc.gov/nypd>

**Brooklyn:** Criminal Court (718) 250-3300  
Family Court (347) 401-9600

**Bronx:** Criminal Court (718) 590-2858  
Family Court (718) 618-2098

**Manhattan:** Criminal Court (212) 335-4300  
Family Court (646) 386-5200

**Queens:** Criminal Court (718) 286-6550  
Family Court (718) 298-0197

**Staten Island:** Criminal Court (718) 876-6300  
Family Court (718) 675-8800

### New York City Family Justice Centers Locations

350 Jay St. - 15th Fl. Brooklyn, NY 12001	(718) 250-5097
126-02 82nd Ave. Queens, NY 11451 (Kew Gardens)	(718) 575-4500
198 E. 161st St. Bronx, NY 10451	(718) 508-1222
80 Centre St. - 5th Fl. New York, NY 10013	(212) 335-3523
126 Stuyvesant Pl. Staten Island, NY 10301	(718) 697-4300

# Domestic Violence

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## STALKING



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**Dial "911" for Emergency**

# Developing a case. Enhancing Victim Safety

## WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking involves intentional and repeated actions that place an individual in reasonable fear for his or her safety. Stalking is a course of conduct used to maintain contact with, or exercise power and control over another individual. Stalking is a crime, and you can get help.

### • NYS Crime/Family Offense - Stalking is committed when a person:

- Intentionally,
- For no legitimate purpose,
- Engages in a course of conduct,
- Directed at a specific person, and
- Knows or reasonably should know that such conduct is likely to, or does, cause a particular type of fear or harm

**Simply stated, whatever intentional actions he or she does with the purpose of putting you in fear can be considered stalking.**

### **You are being stalked if someone is:**

- Repeatedly following or spying on you
- Repeatedly calling your home and/or work
- Repeatedly sending unwanted e-mails, letters, faxes, etc.
- Leaving unwanted gifts or items for you
- Vandalizing or damaging your property
- Threatening you or someone close to you
- Repeatedly showing up for no legitimate purpose at places you go to

We encourage victims to document all incidents of possible stalking. This includes filing a police report. Your local domestic violence prevention officer is available to help.

**Keep a log of incidents** including the date, time, what happened, and the names of any witnesses. Keep e-mails, letters, faxes, items left for you, etc. Even if you decide not to pursue prosecution now, you may change your mind in the future. Documentation of every incident makes for a stronger case.

### **Stalking incident log**

Name of victim (your name):

### **Offender information** (attach picture of offender, if any)

Name of offender:

Aliases, nicknames, street names:

Last known address:

Other addresses where the offender might be located:

Employer Address:

Employer Tel#:

Occupation:

Date of Birth:

Sex:    Age:

License plate#:    State:    Make:    Type:    Color:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Pager #:

Other #:

E-mail:

Race/ethnicity:

Languages spoken:

Is he/she affiliated with a gang?                    (Y) or (N)

If so, the name of the gang is: \_\_\_\_\_

Does he/she have weapons?                    (Y) or (N)

Is person licensed to carry a firearm?                    (Y) or (N)

Order of protection?                    (Y) or (N)

Has he/she been arrested in the past?                    (Y) or (N)

If yes, what was he/she arrested for? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Incident #1:**

Date:                    Time:                    Location:

Witnesses if any:

Address:

Telephone number:

Description of incident:

Messages, e-mails, letters, faxes, items left for you:

Police report#:

Precinct of report:

### **Incident #2:**

Date:                    Time:                    Location:

Witnesses if any:

Address:

Telephone number:

Description of incident:

Messages, e-mails, letters, faxes, items left for you:

Police report#:

Precinct of report:

### **Incident #3:**

Date:                    Time:                    Location:

Witnesses if any:

Address:

Telephone number:

Description of incident:

Messages, e-mails, letters, faxes, items left for you:

Police report#:

Precinct of report: