

Judicial Officer Checklist for Common Behaviors Associated with Stalking

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This checklist is designed for use in conjunction with the [Judicial Officer Guide Bench Card: Stalking](https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-guide-for-stalking) at <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-guide-for-stalking> and [Judicial Officer Guide Responding to Stalking](https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-guide-for-stalking) at <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-guide-for-stalking>. For a more comprehensive reference see, the SPARC's [full Guide](https://www.stalkingawareness.org/judicial-officer-resources/) at <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/judicial-officer-resources/>.

Multi-Dimensional SLII Stalking Framework and Behaviors

<u>S</u> urveillance	<u>L</u> ife Invasion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow ✓ Watch ✓ Wait ✓ Show –up ✓ Tracking up ✓ Tracking software ✓ Obtain information about victims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Unwanted contact at home, work, etc. ✓ Showing up ✓ Phone calls ✓ Property invasion ✓ Public humiliation ✓ Harass friends/family
<u>I</u> ntimidation	<u>I</u> nterference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Threats ✓ Property damage ✓ Symbolic violence ✓ Force confrontations ✓ Threaten or actually harming others ✓ Threats to call/and calls to immigration authorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Financial and work sabotage ✓ Ruining reputation ✓ Custody interference ✓ Keeping from leaving ✓ Road rage ✓ Attack family/friends/pets ✓ Physical/sexual attack

Co-Occurring and Interconnected Crimes

- Identify Theft, Computer Crimes
- Vandalism, Property Crimes
- Voyeurism, Privacy Violation, Image Creation and Distribution
- Eavesdropping, Trespassing, Nonconsensual Recording
- False Reports, Witness Intimidation
- Evidence in Civil and Family Court Cases of crimes committed

Screening for Stalking Has the Offender...

- ✓ **Surveillance:** Been tracking, following, or monitoring Victim in any way?
- ✓ **Life Invasion:** Repeatedly invaded Victim's life/privacy by initiating unwanted contact with the Victim?
- ✓ Significantly and directly **interfered** with the Victim's life?
 - Physically/sexually assaulted Victim during course of conduct?
 - Forcibly kept Victim from leaving, help against will, caused serious accident, assaulted others, or seriously attached the Victim
- ✓ More than one time, **intimidated** or scared Victims through threats, property damage, threatening or actual harming of pets, other means?

Accommodations or Changes the Victims May Have Made to Their Life May Include:

- Time spent obtaining a protection order
- Screening phone calls
- Relocating
- Efforts to keep their address/location a secret
- Changing own phone numbers, email addresses, and/or social media accounts
- Blocking phone numbers, email addresses, and/or social media account
- Changes to device settings
- Time accessing support services
- Confidentiality filing the victim's own immigration case to sever reliance on the stalker's sponsorship
- Finances spent on safety devices or accommodations
- Increased security and/or privacy measures
- Asking friends, family, or professionals for help
- Changes to Schedule, routine and/or route/method of transport
- Avoiding locations or activities
- Financial impacts like employment consequences
- Cost for report or replacement of damaged property, or immigration or identity documents
- Informing work, daycare, school, apartment building, religious space, and/or others of the situation and/or asking for accommodations
- Taking steps to remedy identity theft

14 Risk Factors in Stalking Cases

Big Picture	Stalker Mindset
1. Course of conduct 2. Escalation, Triggers 3. Nature and contexts of threats 4. Threat follow-through, capability	5. Resistance & Persistence 6. Stalker motive 7. Proxy stalking
Stalking History	Victim Vulnerability
8. History of abuse to victim 9. History of abuse to others 10. Guns, weapons and training 11. Criminal history, Mental health, Substance abuse	12. Fear, Life impact 13. Use of technology 14. Victim vulnerability

Full assessment tool available at: [Stalking and Harassment Assessment & Risk Profile \(SHARP\)](http://coercivecontrol.org/) at <http://coercivecontrol.org/>