

# Cyberstalking/ FACTS

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## Cyberstalking Definition

Cyberstalking is using electronic communication to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person knowing this will cause a reasonable harm or fear of safety.

## Statistics

- 80% of stalking survivors experience some form of cyberstalking
- 67% of survivors know the person stalking them
- Women age 18-24 are the highest rate of being stalked
- 66% of survivors receive unwanted texts/phone messages
- 55% of survivors receive unwanted emails/messages
- 32% of survivors have their activities monitored through social media
- 14% of survivors were tracked with a technological device
- 16% of college students who were stalked had intimate images of them shared online without consent
- 29% of survivors report the crime to police

## Help is Available

Rape crisis centers are available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year. All services are free and confidential. Call the rape crisis center hotline anytime for help.

*Sources: Stalking Victimization 2019, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2022; Stalking Prevention, Awareness and Resource Center, 2024, Stalking and Technology*

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