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FACTS AND STATS ABOUT STALKING

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Mission

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence seeks to engage all people in a movement to change the social and political systems that perpetuate violence against women. We do this through education, advocacy and quality victim services.

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STALKING VICTIMIZATION

- ❖ 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States.
- ❖ 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.
- ❖ 30% of stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- ❖ 10% of stalking victims are stalked by a stranger.
- ❖ Persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.
- ❖ 11% of stalking victims have been stalked for 5 years or more.
- ❖ 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.
- ❖ 1 in 4 victims report being stalked through the use of some form of technology (such as e-mail or instant messaging).
- ❖ 10% of victims report being monitored with global positioning systems (GPS), and 8% report being monitored through video or digital cameras, or listening devices.

[Katrina Baum et al., (2009). "Stalking Victimization in the United States," (Washington, DC: BJS, 2009).]

IMPACT OF STALKING ON VICTIMS

- ❖ 46% of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next. [Baum et al., (2009). "Stalking Victimization in the United States." BJS.]
- ❖ 29% of stalking victims fear the stalking will never stop. [Baum et al.]
- ❖ 1 in 8 employed stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and more than half lose 5 days of work or more. [Baum et al.]
- ❖ 1 in 7 stalking victims move as a result of their victimization. [Baum et al.]
- ❖ The prevalence of anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, and severe depression is much higher among stalking victims than the general population, especially if the stalking involves being followed or having one's property destroyed.

[Eric Blauuw et al. "The Toll of Stalking," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 17, no. 1(2002):50-63.]

STALKING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MURDER

- ❖ 76% of intimate partner femicide victims have been stalked by their intimate partner.
- ❖ 67% had been physically abused by their intimate partner.
- ❖ 89% of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted had also been stalked in the 12 months before their murder.
- ❖ 79% of abused femicide victims reported being stalked during the same period that they were abused.
- ❖ 54% of femicide victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers.

[Judith McFarlane et al., "Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide," *Homicide Studies* 3, no. 4 (1999).]