

## Are you in danger?

Stalking is not a single event, but a pattern of actions that make the targeted person feel frightened and controlled. Over time these actions may become more dangerous. The aggressor may:

- Show up uninvited at your home, school or workplace.
- Make repeated unwanted phone calls to you.
- Call your employer or professor.
- Send you unwanted text messages, letters, emails or voicemails.
- Use other people as resources to investigate your life. For example, view your Facebook page through someone else's or befriend your friends to get more information about you.
- Send you unwanted gifts.
- Use social networking sites and technology to track you.
- Spread rumors about you via the Internet or through word of mouth.
- Wait at places you hang out.
- Damage your home, car or other property.

## Speak Up!



**Get the help you need. Call the 24-hour number at 803.777.4215.**

- **Email [victimhelp@sc.edu](mailto:victimhelp@sc.edu) for guidance and support.**
- **Find more helpful resources online at [www.sc.edu/victimrights](http://www.sc.edu/victimrights).**

**Individual and group counseling services are available to all USC students. Crisis intervention and walk-in appointments are available, too. Call 777.5223 or visit the Close/Hipp Building, fifth floor, located at 1705 College Street. If you ever feel that you are in danger or at risk of harming yourself or someone else, call 911 immediately.**

# What is stalking / criminal harassment?

**Stalking is threatening, abusive and at times violent behavior.**

Stalking, also referred to as criminal harassment, is used to scare, threaten and control the victim. It can begin with small incidents that escalate, becoming more frequent and possibly life-threatening.



Every year 3.5 million people in the United States are stalked. Young adults between the ages of 18 – 24 experience the highest rates. Most people assume stalkers are strangers, **but three in four victims are harassed by someone they know.**

**The Division of Law Enforcement & Safety** provides reasonable, fair, and compassionate assistance to victims and witnesses of crime.

The Division is committed to the development, implementation, and maintenance of programs and activities that provide appropriate assistance to victims/witnesses.

### **Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Services Include:**

- Assistance with Restraining Orders and Orders of Protections (Civil)
- Housing Assistance
- Class Assistance
- Parking Assistance
- No Contact (USC Student Conduct)
- Court Preparation/Appearances (To include the Bond Hearing)
- SOVA Assistance
- Safety Plans
- Referrals

### **Rave Guardian Safety App**

**Download our free mobile app that turns your cell phone into a personalized protection network, connecting with University Police during an emergency and giving us important information we need instantly.**

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### **Victim Services** **Division of Law Enforcement and Safety**

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(1600 Hampton Street Annex)  
Columbia, SC 29208

24 hour phone number: **803-777-4215**

Emergency: **911**

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**Stalking and Harassment:**  
Know the signs.  
**Protect yourself.**



