



Hyde County Hotline

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-926-5481

January 2013

January is Stalking Awareness Month

What is stalking?

While legal definitions of stalking vary from one jurisdiction to another, a good working definition of stalking is **a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.**

Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

For more information about the law:

<http://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center/stalking-laws/criminal-stalking-laws-by-state/north-carolina#3a>



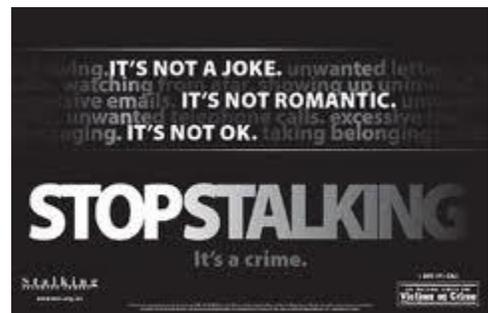
Some things stalkers do:

- Follow you and show up wherever you are.
- Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or e-mails.
- Damage your home, car, or other property.
- Monitor your phone calls or computer use.
- Use technology, like hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), to track where you go.
- Drive by or hang out at your home, school, or work.
- Threaten to hurt you, your family, friends, or pets.
- Find out about you by using public records or online search services, hiring investigators, going through your garbage, or contacting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers.
- Posting information or spreading rumors about you on the Internet, in a public place, or by word of mouth.
- Other actions that control, track, or frighten you.

You are not to blame for a stalker's behavior.

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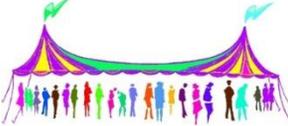
OUR MISSION: The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

Stalking Victimization

- 6.6 million people are stalked in one year in the United States.
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 19 men have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed. Using a less conservative definition of stalking, which considers any amount of fear (i.e., a little fearful, somewhat fearful, or very fearful), 1 in 4 women and 1 in 13 men reported being a victim of stalking in their lifetime.
- 66% of female victims and 41% of male victims of stalking are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- More than half of female victims and more than 1/3 of male victims of stalking indicated that they were stalked before the age of 25. About 1 in 5 female victims and 1 in 14 male victims experienced stalking between the ages of 11 and 17.

[Michele C. Black et al., "The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 Summary Report," (Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011).]

Want to learn more about being a Hyde County Hotline Crisis Line or Shelter Volunteer?
 Let us know. 252-926-5481



Save the Date
April 5, 2013
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hyde County Children's Health Fair

Davis Center Engelhard, NC

APRIL 2013						
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC from January 1 – December 15, 2012 - 62 Murders
www.nccadv.org

How you can help...



- **Donate to our Thrift Stores – call us for pick-up of large items 252-926-5481 (all donations are tax deductible)
- **Learn to weave at Tapestry on Ocracoke **Ask us about presentations
- **Ask how we can help you ** Tell others about us
- **Monetary donations are accepted: PO Box 26, Swan Quarter, NC 27885

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:
www.hydecountryhotline.org

The History of National Stalking Awareness Month

In January 2004, the National Center for Victims of Crime launched National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) to increase the public's understanding of the crime of stalking. NSAM emerged from the work of the Stalking Resource Center, a National Center program funded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, to raise awareness about stalking and help develop and implement multidisciplinary responses to the crime.

NSAM began in response to a 2003 call to the Stalking Resource Center from Debbie Riddle, the sister of murdered stalking victim Peggy Klinke. Riddle wanted to transform her family's painful tragedy into a force for good—and to help improve law enforcement's response to stalking and save lives. Riddle's call all led to a concurrent Congressional resolution on stalking; a national program on Lifetime Television, hosted by Erin Brockovich, featuring Peggy Klinke's story; and a Lifetime video, "Stalking: Real Fear, Real Crime," to train law enforcement about the crime. In July 2003, the National Center for Victims of Crime, in partnership with Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM) and Lifetime Television, told Peggy's story at a Congressional briefing on Capitol Hill, which focused on strengthening law enforcement's response to the crime.

That same day, Representative Wilson introduced a Congressional resolution to support National Stalking Awareness Month. The following January, the National Center for Victims of Crime launched the first observance of National Stalking Awareness Month and supported communities across the nation in planning the event.

In 2011, the White House issued the first Presidential Proclamation on National Stalking Awareness Month. President Obama's proclamation stressed the millions affected by the crime, its often-devastating consequences, the difficulty of identifying and investigating the crime, and the federal government's strong commitment to combating stalking. The 2012 proclamation elaborated on the dangers of stalking, and the importance of NSAM in building awareness about the crime.

In 2012, during National Stalking Awareness Month, the White House convened its first-ever National Roundtable on Stalking, bringing together survivors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates, and researchers, to advance knowledge of the crime and help the federal government combat the crime.

The National Stalking Awareness Month website (www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org), launched in January 2009, provides a wealth of information about the crime and about the nationwide observance. Information about NSAM is also available on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Stalking-Awareness-Month/112815125149>) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/SRC_NCVC). Both sites have generated great interest and sharing about how communities throughout the country observe NSAM.

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