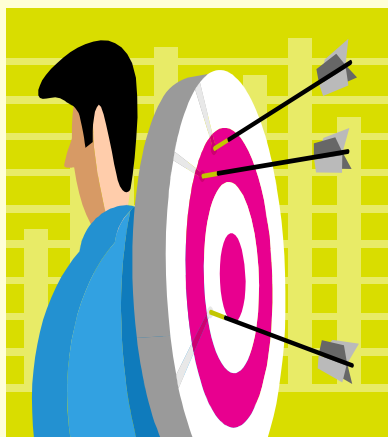


**Stalking is real.
It can happen to anyone.
It is dangerous.
It's a crime. That should be reported.**

January is National Stalking Awareness Month

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and should be reported immediately. In Florida, statute 784.048 on states, "Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person commits the offense of stalking, a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 (imprisonment not exceeding one year) or s. 775.083 (fine not exceeding \$1,000). **Know the facts:**



1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually .
1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime.

77% of female victims and 64% of male victims know their stalker.

81% of women stalked by a current or former partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.

The average duration of stalking is 1.8 years.

26% of stalking victims lost time from work as a result of their victimization, 7% never returned to work.

76% of intimate partner murder victims had been stalked by that partner.

If something about your relationship with your partner scares you and you need to talk, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Board of County Commissioner goals are to reduce property crime, violent crime and overall crime by 2015 . These tips are intended to increase your awareness and help avoid crime. If you have a proven prevention or awareness tip that can be shared, please fax it to 276-2630 for consideration and possible distribution.

If you have questions , regarding this tip please call 276-2033.



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