

STALKING: MYTHS & FACTS

- MYTH:** You can't be stalked by someone you're dating.
- FACT:** If your "friend" tracks your every move in a way that causes you fear, that is stalking.
- MYTH:** Technology is too expensive and confusing for most stalkers to use.
- FACT:** Stalkers can buy easy-to-use surveillance equipment for as little as \$30.
- MYTH:** If you confront the stalker, he or she will go away.
- FACT:** Confronting or trying to reason with a stalker can be dangerous. Get help.

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- MYTH:** Only celebrities are stalked.
- FACT:** The vast majority of the 1.4 million people who are stalked each year are ordinary citizens.
- MYTH:** If you ignore stalking, it will go away.
- FACT:** Stalkers seldom "just stop." Victims should seek help from law enforcement to stop the stalking.
- MYTH:** Stalking is annoying but not illegal.
- FACT:** Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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