



STALKING

Information Sheet

JSU PROHIBITS STALKING ON ANY MEASURES

JSU defines stalking as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.

A "course of conduct" refers to a pattern of behavior of two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the respondent directly, indirectly, or through a third party/parties-by any action, method, device, or mean-follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person's property.

Stalking can also include cyber-stalking, a particular form of stalking in which technological means are used.

It is significant to note the importance of **preserving evidence** that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or that may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.

JSU will make accommodations and provide protective measures for the victim if requested and reasonably available.

TIPS FOR RISK REDUCTION IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING STALKED

- Tell someone.
- Keep a record.
 - For more information on how to keep a stalking behavior and incident log, visit stalkingawareness.org
- Set clear boundaries.
- Change your routine.
- Be prepared to reach out.
- Develop a safety plan.
 - For more information about a safety plan, visit loveisrespect.org/personal-safety/create-a-safety-plan/

BELOW ARE SOME PROCEDURES VICTIMS SHOULD FOLLOW IF STALKING HAS OCCURRED

- **Preserve evidence**
 - This is important to prove that the alleged criminal offense occurred and may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.
- Who should you report to?
 - UPD,
 - Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics, or
 - Title IX Coordinator.
- Options about law enforcement involvement and campus authorities:
 - Notify law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police.
 - Be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement.
 - Decline to notify the authorities.
- If the victim or JSU finds it necessary, "no contact" orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful order can be issued by the court or the institution.

MOST VICTIMS OF STALKING TALK TO SOMEONE THEY TRUST BEFORE CONTACTING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO AS A BYSTANDER?

- Encourage them to seek help and **document the stalking**.
- **Respect** the victim's boundaries.
- **Refer** them to resources to make an individual safety plan and learn more about stalking.
- Check in.
- 3rd party witnesses are encouraged to say something to the victim or report to resources.
 - For more information on bystander tips, visit stalkingawareness.org.

JSU WILL PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF VICTIMS AND OTHER NECESSARY PARTIES

- There will be complete publicly available record keeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without inclusion of personally identifying information about the victim, as defined by VAWA.
- Any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim will remain private, yet privacy will not impair the ability to provide accommodations or protective measures.

TITLE IX INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING



If you have any questions about proceedings, feel free to go to this link below:

- jsu.edu/titleix/grievance-procedure.html

If you wish to have a physical paper copy of the Sex-Based Harassment and Misconduct Policy, which includes the grievance procedure, it can be provided by Dean of Student's, Human Resources, or Title IX on-campus for free.

ALABAMA CRIMINAL CODE

- The crime of stalking in the first degree is a Class C felony.
 - This is defined as a person who intentionally and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a threat, either expressed or implied, with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily harm.
 - A person who violates these provisions and whose conduct in doing so also violates any court order or injunction is guilty of the crime of aggravated stalking in the first degree as a Class B felony.
- The crime of stalking in the second degree is a Class B misdemeanor.
 - This is defined as a person who, acting with an improper purpose, intentionally and repeatedly follows, harasses, telephones, or initiates communication, verbally, electronically, or otherwise, with another person, any member of the other person's immediate family, or any third party with whom the other person is acquainted, and causes material harm to the mental or emotional health of the other person, or causes such person to reasonably fear that his or her employment, business, or career is threatened, and the perpetrator was previously informed to cease that conduct.
 - A person who violates these provisions and whose conduct in doing so also violates any court order or injunction is guilty of the crime of aggravated stalking in the second degree as a Class C felony.
- Aggravated stalking can be defined as if a person put someone under surveillance or contact them in violation of a protective order, restraining order, probation, parole terms, or preliminary or permanent injunction.

RESOURCES

University Police Department

700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, AL 36265
256-782-5050

Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics

Suite 301-A, Angle Hall
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, AL 36265
communitystandards@jsu.edu
256-782-8080

Title IX

Suite 301-A, Angle Hall
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, AL 36265
TitleIX@jsu.edu
256-782-5769

JSU Counseling Services

147 Trustee Circle
700 Pelham Road
Jacksonville, AL 36265
256-782-5475

National Center for Victims of Crime

victimsofcrime.org

2nd Chance, Inc

613 S Wilmer Ave, Anniston, AL 36201
256-236-7233

Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center (SPARC)

stalkingawareness.org

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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