

Supporting a Friend



Stalking and harassment affect not only the survivor, but also the people close to them. If someone you know has been stalked, the resources listed in this brochure are available to you as well. Here are some ways to support someone impacted by stalking and harassment:

- Listen.
- Check in about safety.
- Take them seriously.
- Provide validation of their feelings.
- Suggest they document the behavior and keep a detailed log.
- Check on their support systems, offer support resources.
- Inform your friend they have rights and options to report to the police and/or the university.
- Support your friend in doing what they decide is best for them regarding reporting.
- Find a safe place to get support for yourself so you are able to talk about what has happened and how you feel about it.

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Campus Resources

Office of Victim Assistance (OVA)*°	303-492-8855
Counseling & Psychiatric Services*°	303-492-2277
Center for Inclusion and Social Change	303-492-0272
Center for Student Involvement	303-492-6366
CU Police, Emergency	911
CU Police, Non-emergency	303-492-6666
Disability Services	303-492-8671
Health Promotion	303-492-2937
Housing/Residence Life	303-492-7260
Medical Services°	303-492-5101
Office of Institutional Equity & Compliance	303-492-2127
Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution	303-492-5550
Student Legal Services*	303-492-6813
Ombuds Office*	303-492-5077
Veteran and Military Affairs	303-492-7322

Community Resources

Boulder Community Hospital	303-415-7000
Boulder Police, Emergency	911
Boulder Police, Non-emergency	303-441-3333
Boulder Valley Women's Health	303-416-4112
Boulder District Attorney	303-441-3700
Moving to End Sexual Assault*°	303-443-7300
Out Boulder	303-499-5777
Planned Parenthood	303-447-1040
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-Violence*°	303-444-2424

**Confidential Resources*

°24/7 Phone Support

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Office of Victim Assistance (OVA)

Center for Community (C4C), Fourth Floor, N450
303-492-8855

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Information and Resources for CU Boulder

Stalking and Harassment



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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

What is Harassment?

Unwanted contact that can include:

- Touching
- Obscene language/gestures
- Following
- Communication: verbal & electronic
- Repeated insults, taunts

What is Stalking?

A pattern of behavior that may include:

- Continued unwanted communication, including verbal and/or electronic
- Following
- Threats

These behaviors can cause emotional distress and may include a change in one's routine or regular activities.

Stalkers May Repeatedly:

- Give unwanted presents
- Wait for a victim
- Show up at places
- Send unwanted letters/emails/social media messages
- Follow or spy
- Spread rumors
- Send unwanted phone calls/texts

Possible Impacts of Stalking:

- Loss of sleep
- Changes in eating/appetite
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Hypervigilance
- Difficulty concentrating
- Changes in social interactions

How to Access Help

Every situation is different, and sometimes people are unsure if what they are experiencing is stalking or harassment. If you are confused, frightened, have changed your routine or are upset by something that has happened, we encourage you to seek support.

Counseling Support

No matter how long ago the stalking or harassment occurred, having a place to talk may help with your recovery process. The Office of Victim Assistance (OVA) services are confidential and free. OVA provides advocacy and short-term counseling at no charge to all CU students, graduate students, staff and faculty.

Advocacy

OVA advocates are confidential and serve as a primary resource for victims of stalking and harassment. Advocates can serve as liaisons to other services, can accompany you to meetings and advocate with you through systems.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Fear includes suffering substantial emotional distress, which can include causing a person to respond by altering their activities.

Reporting



There are several options for reporting stalking and harassment, and obtaining information about reporting may help you with your decision-making. OVA can discuss reporting options with you confidentially.

- Reporting is not the same as pressing charges against an offender. An oral or written police report can sometimes be made to the police without proceeding to an investigation.
- If the accused person(s) is a CU student, staff or faculty member, campus disciplinary actions can be pursued by reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance colorado.edu/institutionalequity
- You can also visit the Don't Ignore It website: colorado.edu/dontignoreit

To consult with OVA, call directly or complete an online confidential form at:

colorado.edu/confidentialreporting

Completing this form does not constitute a report to the university and will not initiate any investigation.

For more free and confidential information and support about reporting options, please call the Office of Victim Assistance at **303-492-8855**.

Protection Orders:

OVA and/or SPAN (Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence) can help provide information on civil protection orders (also known as restraining orders). SPAN has a Protection Order Clinic at **303-441-4867**.

The District Attorney's office also has an information line in English and Spanish at **303-441-3775**.