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Non-Domestic Stalking Service

We are an independent charity offering free, confidential support to people affected by crime and traumatic incidents.

For information and support, contact us by:

- calling: Supportline **08 08 16 89 111**
- using Next Generation Text (add **18001** before any of our phone numbers)
- Online: **victimsupport.org.uk**

To find out how you can help us, visit **victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved**

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What is non-domestic stalking?

Stalking can be defined as persistent and unwanted attention that makes you feel pestered and harassed. It includes behaviour that happens two or more times, directed at or towards you by another person, which causes you to feel alarmed or distressed or to fear that violence might be used against you.

Non-domestic stalking is when the stalker is a stranger or an acquaintance. It doesn't include ex-partners. In South Yorkshire, we have a specialist Stalking Victim Care Advocate who works with victims and survivors of non-domestic stalking. If you or someone you know is experiencing stalking, you can contact us.

Stalking can happen over a long time and this can make it particularly hard to cope with. It can make you feel constantly anxious and afraid. Sometimes the problem can build up slowly and it can take a while for you to realise you are caught up in an ongoing campaign of abuse.

Stalking isn't always 'physical' either – it can affect you psychologically as well. Social media and the internet are often used for stalking and harassment, and 'cyber-stalking' or online threats can be just as intimidating. If you're worried about cyber-stalking, we can help you with information and safety tips.

If you're experiencing persistent and unwanted attention, and the behaviour is making you feel fearful, harassed or anxious, then you are a victim of stalking. It's not something that you should have to live with, and we're here to help you.

How we can help?

Our Stalking Advocate can:

- Provide practical information and support
- Help you to understand your rights under the Victims' Code of Practice
- Explain what you can expect from the police and criminal justice agencies
- Provide information to you about Stalking Protection Orders
- Give you information to help you stay safe online if you are worried about cyber-stalking.

It doesn't matter when the crime took place, or if you reported it to the police. We can help you. Our services are free, confidential and available to everyone.

Stalking is a serious crime and you do not have to suffer in silence. Contact us today.