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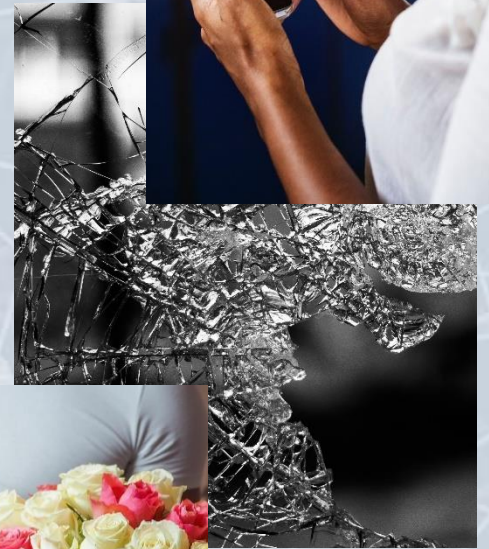
STALKING
PREVENTION,
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Understanding Stalking

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Behavioral Definition

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



What's so Scary?

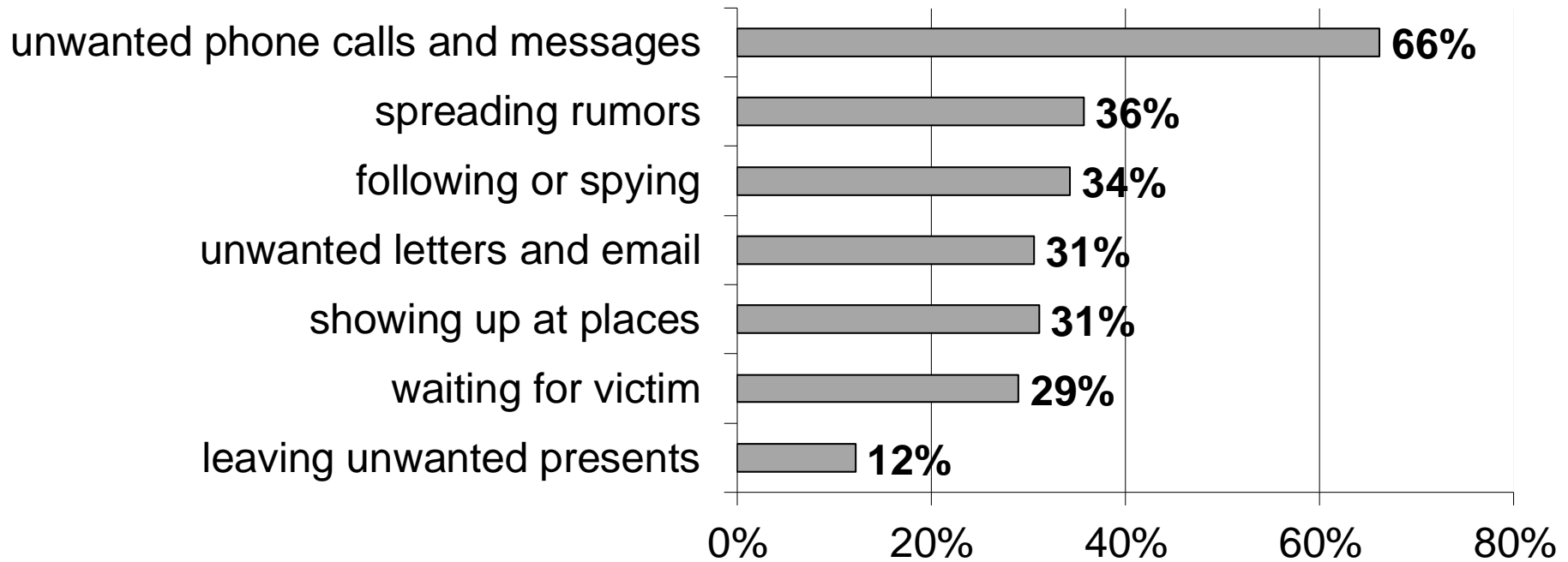


Context is Critical



- Something may be frightening to the victim but not to you
- Stalking behaviors often have specific meanings
- Stalking criminalizes otherwise non-criminal behavior

Stalking Behaviors



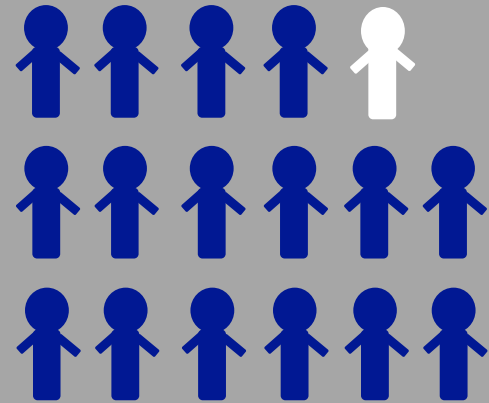
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Prevalence in a Lifetime

More than
1 in 6
WOMEN



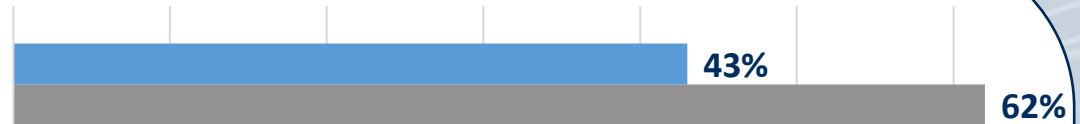
More than
1 in 17
MEN



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Victim and Offender Relationships

Current/Former IP



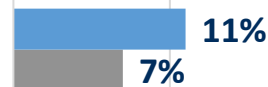
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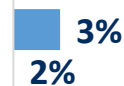
Stranger



Family member



Person of authority



■ Male victims ■ Female victims

Stalking Can be Dangerous

- * **Over 1 in 5 stalking cases involve a direct attack on the victim.**
- * **Over 1 in 5 stalkers use a weapon to threaten or harm their victims.**
- * **76% of femicide victims were stalked before being murdered.**

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Resources for Help

- * Victim Connect
www.VictimConnect.org
- * Local Resources [fill in here]

www.StalkingAwareness.org

- * Training modules
- * Victim resources
- * Practitioner guides
- * Webinars

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