

WHAT IF THE STALKER IS AN IMMIGRANT?

■ Stalking is a crime. Just getting a TRO/protective order, however, will not put the stalker at risk of being removed or excluded from the United States.

■ A stalker *can* be removed for violating the protective order/TRO, or for other violations of immigration law or criminal law.

CRIME VICTIM RESOURCES

EMERGENCIES:

County Police Departments	911
National Victim Center	800-FYI-CALL

PROSECUTORS' VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

Honolulu City and County	547-7401
Hawaii County	934-3306
Kauai County	241-1898
Maui County	270-7695

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS SERVICES: HOTLINE

Honolulu City and County	841-0822
Hawaii County	322-7233
Kauai County	245-6362
Maui	
Women Helping Women (Shelter & Hotline)	579-9581
CFS (Hotline)	877-9888

Molokai	567-6888
Lanai	
Women Helping Women	579-9581
CFS	877-9888

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM SERVICES HOTLINE:

Honolulu City and County	524-7273
Hawaii County	935-0677
Kauai County	245-4144
Maui	873-8624
Lanai & Molokai	1-866-443-5702

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES:

Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center

(formerly Na Loio - Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center)

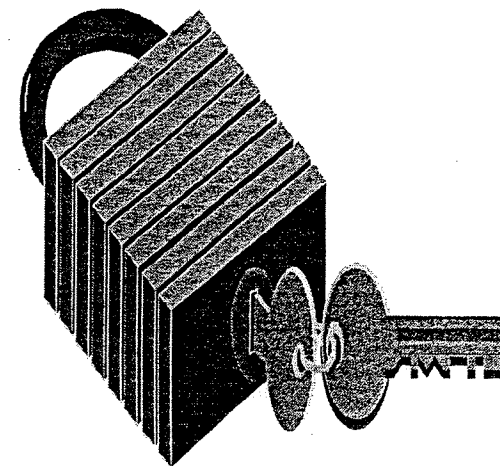
Oahu: (808) 536-8826

Neighbor Islands: 1-877-208-8828

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER HOTLINE

Oahu only	538-5959
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What You Need to Know About Stalking



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WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is any unwanted contact between a stalker and a victim that threatens or places the victim in fear.

Stalking occurs when a stranger, acquaintance, co-worker, ex-spouse, ex-partner, or any other person repeatedly.

- Makes unwanted contact in person or via mail, e-mail, fax, or telephone, or leaves unwanted gifts, flowers, notes, or other objects in your car, at your home, or at any other place.
- Drives by your home, school, or work to scare you or follows you.
- Turns up unexpectedly at places you go "just by chance."

STALKING ON THE INTERNET

"Cyberstalking" occurs when the stalker repeatedly uses the internet, e-mail, or other electronic communication to annoy, scare, or harass you. These acts include sending threatening or insulting e-mails to you and/or spreading lies about you in chat rooms.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF STALKING

Since the stalking began, *do you feel* fear, anxiety, isolation, guilt, paranoia, stress and/or hyper-awareness, a constant loss of personal safety, a decline in work/academic performance, or an inability to trust other people? These are normal reactions to stalking. Remember that what you are experiencing is not your fault.

IF YOU ARE BEING STALKED

- Call the police at 911 each time a stalking incident occurs.

- If you do not speak English, tell the 911 operator what language you speak and ask for an interpreter.

- Keep a journal. Write down the date, time, and place of the incident. Include a description of what happened and a list of witnesses (if any). Give this information to the police.

IF YOU ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER, GET TO A SAFE PLACE

- Go to a police station, fire station, local church, hospital, or home of family, friends, and/or neighbors.
- Go to a public area. Stalkers may be less likely to create a disturbance in a public place.

DEVELOP A SAFETY PLAN

- Know how to get to a safe location: the home of a friend or relative (unknown to stalker) or the local police.
- Change your travel routes and time schedule.
- Know how to contact a local domestic violence shelter and/or sexual assault treatment center.
- Consider taking a self-defense course.

OBTAIN A COURT PROTECTIVE ORDER/TRO

- A protective order or temporary restraining order (TRO) is issued by the courts. It can order the stalker to leave you alone and provide other protections as well.
- You do not have to be a United States citizen or legal permanent resident to obtain a protection order/TRO, and getting one will not affect your immigration status.
- Keep your protective order/TRO with you at all times.

WHAT IS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND HOW DOES IT PROTECT YOU?

Full Faith and Credit protects you in case you want to travel or move to another state or U.S. territory. Full Faith and Credit requires the justice system to enforce protective orders/TROs issued by courts in other states and territories. If the stalker violates the protection order, the stalker can be arrested and taken to criminal court.

WHAT IF I AM AN IMMIGRANT VICTIM OF STALKING?

- You do not have to be a United States citizen or legal permanent resident to access victim programs and services. Even if you are undocumented, you can access these services.
- Do not go to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly INS) for help without first speaking to a lawyer.
- Keep important documents, like your passport or alien card, in a safe place. You may also want to keep copies of important documents with a trusted friend in case you need them in an emergency.
- Always ask for an interpreter if English is not your best language.