



The rise of technology as a vehicle to domestic and sexual violence against women.

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Why is this important?

- Council of Australian Government has flagged this as an emergent issue

“Technology-facilitated abuse encompasses the non-consensual distribution of sexual images, as well as stalking, monitoring of location via car or mobile device GPS systems, harassment and abuse through social media, texts or email and monitoring and tracking of website history of computers or mobile devices”

- **Strategies to reduce the increased use of technology to facilitate abuse against women**

The impact of technology on crime

- The rise of technology has impacted on criminal activity in a number of ways



Movement to
the virtual
world



Acquisition of
new victims



Extension and
facilitation of
traditional
offences



Creation of
new offences



A new offence – ‘Revenge Porn’

- Has been driven by three factors:
 - **the ability to create content**
 - **the ability to distribute this content**
 - **the assistance in many cases of facilitators to distribute to a much wider audience**
- To be considered revenge porn the following elements usually present
 - ✓ **Existing or previous relationship**
 - ✓ **Intent to cause harm**
 - ✓ **Unauthorised public release of**
 - ✓ **Intimate images**
 - ✓ **Technology facilitated**

Expansion of the offence

- “revenge porn” term now seems to be used to capture any illegal distribution of an intimate image
- Used for mass victims
- Brisbane and Adelaide examples
- Adelaide release initially consisted of original nude images but then had faked nude images added



Australia

- Specific and non-specific
- Victoria *Summary Offences act 1966* - sect 41DA - Distribution of intimate image
- A person (A) commits an offence if—
 - A intentionally distributes an intimate image of another person (B) to a person other than B; and
 - the distribution of the image is contrary to community standards of acceptable conduct.
 - 2 years imprisonment
 - Does reference social media
- Additional section covers threats to distribute
- Guided by “community standard” test
- Competition between privacy and freedom of expression

Australia

- Victorian laws similar to South Australian Laws, sections 26B and 26C of the *Summary Offences Act 1953 (SA)*, which created the offence of distributing an invasive image.
- Also Federal laws, using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence (*Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) section 474.17*)
- ...reasonable persons would regard as being, in all the circumstances, menacing, harassing or offensive.
- Queensland – stalking, Domestic Violence legislation

Overseas - UK



- UK – Section 33 of the *Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015*
- It is an offence for a person to disclose a private sexual photograph or film if the disclosure is made—
 - (a) without the consent of an individual who appears in the photograph or film, and
 - (b) with the intention of causing that individual distress.
- Does not specifically mention technology based offences

Overseas - the US and Canada

- US Federal law proposed – bill to be introduced
- Numerous states have enacted laws
- E.g., Colorado
- Canada amended the *Criminal Code section 162.1* Publication etc., of an intimate image without consent



US – Colorado law

- Colorado *Revised Statutes*, 18-7-107 and 18-7-108 - offence of posting a private image for harassment
 - ✓ 18 years of age
 - ✓ He or she posts or distributes through the use of social media or any web site
 - ✓ Any photograph, video, or other image displaying the private intimate parts of an identified or identifiable person eighteen years of age or older
 - ✓ Intent to harass and inflict serious emotional distress upon the person depicted
 - ✓ Without consent of the person
 - ✓ When the depicted person would have a reasonable expectation that the image would remain private
 - ✓ The conduct results in serious emotional distress of the person depicted

State	Technology specific	Consent element	Intent element	Type of harm	Type of image
UK	No	Yes	Yes	With the intention of causing that individual distress	A private sexual photograph or film
Canada	No	Yes	Yes (refers to knowingly or being reckless)	None required	Intimate - in which the person is nude, is exposing his or her genital organs or anal region or her breasts or is engaged in explicit sexual activity
Colorado	Yes	Yes	Yes	To harass the depicted person and inflict serious emotional distress upon the depicted person and the conduct results in serious emotional distress of the depicted person	Private intimate parts -means external genitalia or the perineum or the anus or the pubes of any person or the breast of a female
California	No	Yes	Yes	Will cause serious emotional distress, and the person depicted suffers that distress	The image of the intimate body part or parts of another identifiable person, or an image of the person depicted engaged in an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, sexual penetration, or an image of masturbation
Idaho	No	Yes	Yes (mentions reckless disregard)	None required	Image or images of the intimate areas of another person or persons
Virginia	No (but does mention service providers)	Yes (mentions not licenced or authorised)	Yes	To coerce, harass, or intimidate	Any videographic or still image created by any means whatsoever that depicts another person who is totally nude, or in a state of undress so as to expose the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast

Extension and facilitation of traditional offences

- *Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*
- Meaning of domestic violence s8
- Domestic violence means behaviour by a person (the first person) towards another person (the second person) with whom the first person is in a relevant relationship that—
 - (a) is physically or sexually abusive; or
 - (b) is **emotionally or psychologically abusive**; or
 - (c) is economically abusive; or
 - (d) is threatening; or
 - (e) is coercive; or
 - (f) in any other way **controls or dominates** the second person and causes the second person to fear for the second person's safety or wellbeing or that of someone else.
- Does make allowance for **unauthorised surveillance** of a person by the use of technology;

Extension of DV matters using technology

- Technology now being used to facilitate location of victims of DV
- Use of props, mobile phone apps
- Go card transport information
- Workers in the domestic violence sector believe the use of technology for stalking cannot be stopped and the only defence is education and awareness.

'Stalker apps' and GPS allow domestic violence abusers to discover hidden refuges

By Matt Wordsworth

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Refuges that house victims of domestic violence are increasingly being discovered by perpetrators using "stalker apps" and GPS locators hidden in their victim's phones, cars and in one case, a child's stuffed toy.

Support workers say victims now face the grim realisation they may always have to look over their shoulders thanks to the array of tracking technology that is cheaply and easily available.

One woman, Diana (not her real name), experienced it first hand after meeting her ex-partner on an access visit for their young daughter.

"He came with a backpack to the changeover and there was a doll in the



PHOTO: A domestic violence victim found a GPS tracker hidden in her daughter's doll. (ABC News)

Death by text



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SMS BULLY JAILED AS COURT TELLS HIM...

YOU'RE A COWARD AND A PIG

THE man who bombarded his legally-blind girlfriend with hundreds of text messages before she took her own life has been sentenced to six months jail and branded a "pig" and a "coward". Dan Shearin, 41, stood shell-shocked after being sentenced for using a carriage service to menace and harass Breeana Robinson, 21. "The greatest coward can't hurt the most ferociously," Magistrate John Costanzo said. ROBYN WUTH REPORTS P4

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Dan Shearin and (inset) victim Breeana Robinson and her aunty Janine Mackay.

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He made Breeana's life hell in her last days

CRUEL BULLY'S 1400 TEXTS

KATHLEEN SKEENE & MEGAN WEYMES

AN entertainer bombarded his girlfriend with 1439 text messages — some of them vile — in the month before she fell to her death from their Southport balcony. Dan Shearin pleaded guilty in Southport

Magistrates Court yesterday to using a carriage service to menace or harass Breeana Robinson, 21. His final message, blaming Ms Robinson for ruining their relationship, was sent 10 minutes before she died. Police prosecutor Sergeant Revea Foort told the court: "We can't take it to that next level and say the suicide or the death was a direct consequence but certainly we can indicate the contact, particularly those text messages I referred to, caused distress." Outside court, Shearin blamed Ms Robinson's family for her death. REPORT P4

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Some of the texts

- ❑ Shearin: “(expletive), that’s it Bree. We are fuming through. Your mincing out next week, you stupid sucking idiot. You are a complete (expletive) moron. I do not want a stupid, dumb, (expletive) (expletive) in my life. Start looking today because you have one week.”
- ❑ “I can’t believe how stupid you are. Despite me saying not to, YOU (expletive) STUPID BITCH. This is the last straw.
- ❑ Shearin: I asked you to do a simple thing and you can’t even do that. You are moving into the spare room tonight and I’m looking for someone else to treat me better.
- ❑ Bree: I love you so much. I hope I can fix us and make you happy.
- ❑ Shearin: You are the worst excuse for a GF that I have ever met.
- ❑ You make things worse and worse every day. You never try and refuse to make it work despite how many times I have ask you to, you refuse to even try. You refuse to ship me any love and you refuse to just hold me and be with me.

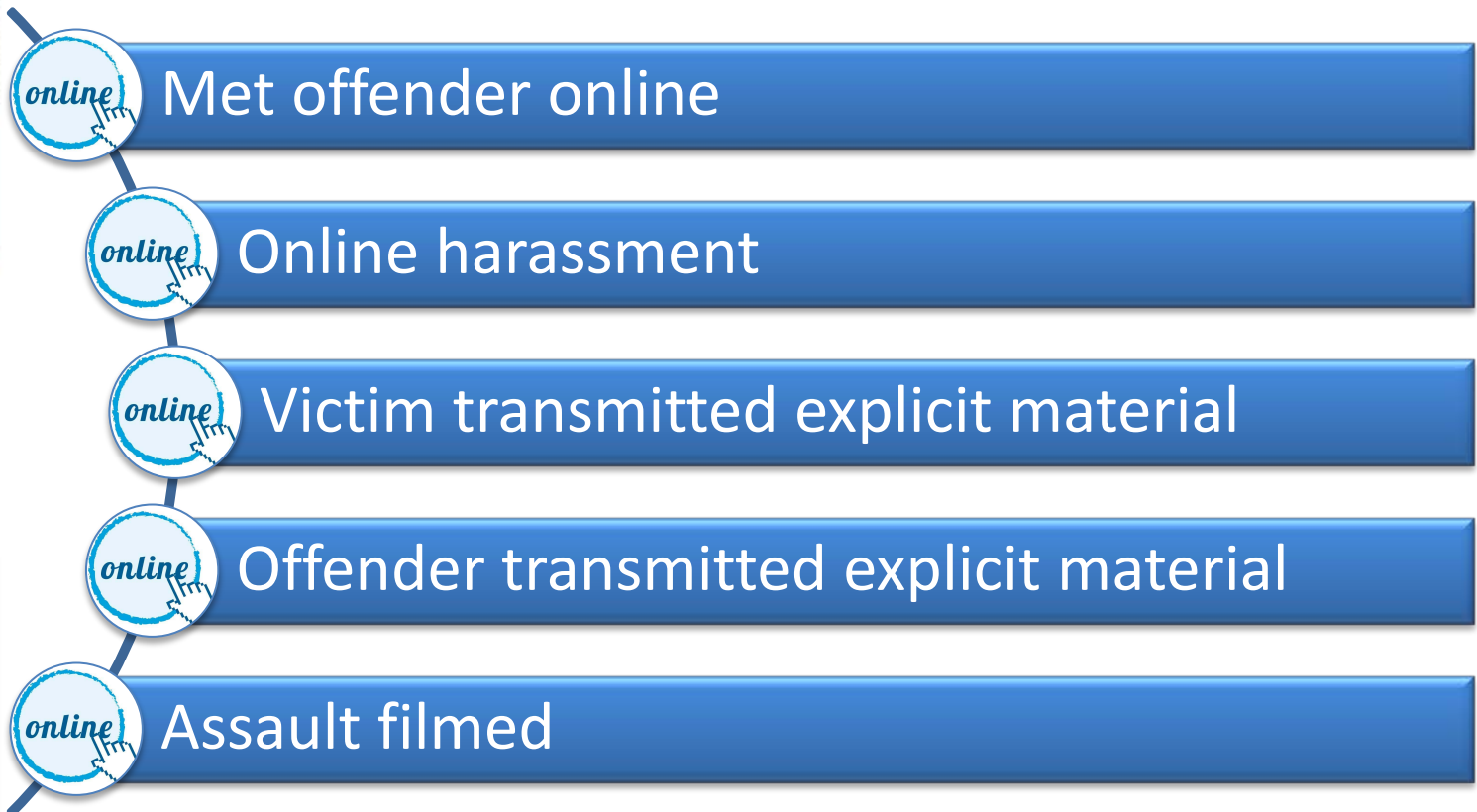
Outcome

- Defence argued only 12 texts were offensive, and that the exchange was 50-50
- Shearin pleaded guilty to a single charge of using a carriage service to menace or harass Bree
- Magistrate John Costanzo said Shearin had launched a campaign of “gratuitous harassment” against her and said his controlling ways amounted to domestic violence.
- **“It was a continuous and therefore deliberate campaign,”** Mr Costanzo said. **“If you were having difficulties in your relationship, then your actions are those of a coward.”**
- **“The greatest coward can hurt the most ferociously.”**
- **“I can’t think of a way for a man to be more of a pig towards a woman.”**
- Imprisoned for 6 months, 4 months to be suspended.
- If victim was still alive action would have been taken under the Domestic Violence Act.
- Sentence subject to an appeal as a miscarriage of justice



Movement to the virtual world

- Gold Coast Centre against Sexual Violence
- Counsellors noted an increase in the use of technology in SA matters
- 5 main areas identified





facebook

helping stalkers
since 2004

Responses to stalking



Are you:

Female?

Over 18 years old?

Living in Australia?

AND

Have been a victim of **Stalking at some point in your life?**

If you've answered **YES** to all of these and you are interested in completing our online questionnaire, we would love to hear from you. You can find more information on our website at www.surveymonkey.com/s/stalkingresponses or you can e-mail us at stalkingresponses@gmail.com



Stalking: the truth



What do Madonna, John Lennon, Hugh Jackman and, closer to home, *The Farmer Wants a Wife* host Natalie Cruzlewski, have in common?

Queensland Premier's Drama Award 2014-2015

The Queensland Government and Queensland Theatre Company are calling for entries for the Queensland Premier's Drama Award 2014-15.

If you're working on a script, or even if you just have an idea for a show, this is your chance to take it to the next level. If your script or project is an original work and relevant to Australia today, check out the guidelines and submit your entry by 30 November 2013. Individuals and organisations are encouraged to apply.

Greg Stolz

All these people are celebrity stalking victims.

But it is how everyday victims of stalking deal with the sometimes terrifying harassment that's the subject of a new study by Queensland academics, who have also helped develop a new anti-stalking iPhone app.

Bond University on the Gold Coast is researching victim responses to stalking in a bid to come up with new strategies to curb the problem.

University criminologist Dr Wayne Petherick said the study was the first of its kind in Australia and aimed to get a better handle on stalking, which was increasing as social media use exploded.

"Studies have shown that as many as one in five people will be stalked at some time in their life," he said.

"One of our PhD candidates is researching how stalking victims respond to stalking and how that contributes to ongoing stalking."

"If we can get a better idea of what stalking victims are doing, it might help change behaviours and reduce the severity of the problem."

Dr Petherick said stalking victims typically responded in a flight or fight manner.

"The usual response is to either move towards or move away from the stalker," he said.

"Some victims, especially ex-partners, are more likely to confront or try to reason or negotiate with their stalkers."

"Others, like Madonna who refused to go to court to testify against her stalker, will avoid contact because they are either frightened or believe it will give the stalker exactly what they want."

Dr Petherick said Australian victims were more likely to know their stalkers, as opposed to the US.

"We have had celebrity stalking victims here such as (Seekers singer) Judith Durham and Natalie Cruzlewski, but it's more of a Hollywood phenomenon," he said.

Bond University researchers are looking for at least 80 stalking victims to take part in the study.

Dr Petherick is also on a team of criminologists and security experts involved with a US app developer in creating a new iPhone and iPad app called StopStalker.

The app, the brainchild of Gold Coast security expert Les Goldsmith, enables victims to record details of stalking incidents and generate reports for police.

It also stores photos of stalkers, details of court orders against them and emergency contacts.

Stalking victims interested in taking part in the Bond University study can call Dr Petherick on 55993334.

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“The bunny boiler app: Spy software lets you track a partner's movements, listen in on calls and even lock their phone”

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The bunny boiler app: Spy software lets you track a partner's movements, listen in on calls and even lock their phone

- Mispy can be installed to Apple, Android, BlackBerry and Windows devices
- It costs from £24.99 a month and the firm claims it is 100% undetectable
- Spies can use it to track movements, read messages and listen to calls
- It can be used to read Skype and Facebook chats and see browsing History
- Subscribers can track this data anywhere by signing into an online account
- Information from the device is synced with this account every 30 minutes

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It's bad enough checking your partner's phone when they leave the room, or taking a peek at their Facebook page, yet a new app takes this level of snooping not just a step further, but a giant leap forward.

The Mispy app works on select smartphones including Apple, Android, BlackBerry and Windows Phone and can be used to gain access to an unprecedented level of personal information.

If it records phone calls, tracks a person's location, sets up remotely read texts, Skype, Facebook and other messages, sends location history and more, you now have a better idea of what your partner is up to.

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What do you feel was the most frightening (i.e., WORST) incident of stalking that you experienced?

- “Having moved to a secure high-rise apartment he gained access and grabbed me around the throat one night after I exited the lifts.”
- “I returned to my dorm room, and walked into the bathroom, where he was hiding behind the shower curtain (unsure how he gained access), then when I tried to escape out the door, he held a knife to my throat and told me I was staying with him so we could talk. It was terrifying.”
- “when he would send me pictures of places I had been, without knowing he was there, and would talk about things id done”
- “pretending to be someone else on facebook to set up a meeting (I believed it was an old friend trying to get in touch)”

State	Section	Year Introduced	Stalking Defined as	Criteria	Penalty	Exceptions
ACT	Crimes Act 1900 s34A	1996	Acts engaged in on at least 2 separate occasions, which could be expected to arouse the other person's apprehension or fear.	Offender must intend to cause apprehension or fear of serious harm, or serious harm.	Up to 2 years. Unless behaviour also involves possession of an offensive weapon or contravenes a court order, then up to 5 years	
NT	Criminal Code Act 1986 s189	1994	Acts engaged in on at least 2 separate occasions, which could be reasonable expected to arouse the other person's apprehension or fear.	Offender must intend to cause physical or mental harm or apprehension or fear.	Up to 2 years. Unless behaviour also involves possession of an offensive weapon or contravenes a court order, then up to 5 years.	
NSW	Crimes Act 1900 s562AB	1994	Acts involving the following of a person about or the watching or frequenting of a person's place of residence, business or work or any place that a person frequents.	Offender must intend to cause person to fear mental or physical injury.	Up to five years imprisonment or a fine of 50 points.	
QLD	Criminal Code Act 1899 s359A	1993	Acts engaged in on more than 1 occasion, or on 1 protracted occasion.	Behaviour directed intentionally at a person which would reasonable cause apprehension and fear.	Up to 5 years. Unless behaviour also involves possession of an offensive weapons or contravenes a court order, then up to 7 years.	Industrial, political or public disputes undertaken in the public interest and reasonable conduct engaged in for lawful purposes.
SA	Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 s19AA	1994	Acts engaged in on at least 2 separate occasions, which could be reasonably expected to arouse the other person's serious apprehension or fear.	Offender must intend to cause serious physical or mental harm, or serious apprehension or fear.	Up to 3 years. Unless behaviour also involves possession of an offensive weapon or contravenes a court order, then up to 5 years.	A person acquitted or charged of an offence other than stalking-may not be convicted of stalking if the charge arises out of the same set of circumstances.
TAS	Criminal Code Act 1924 s192	1995	Acts engaged in which could be reasonably expected to arouse the other person's apprehension, or fear of physical or mental harm.	Offender must intend to cause apprehension, fear, or physical or mental harm, or have known that their acts would create fear and apprehension.	Up to 21 years.	It is not an offence if behaviour is engaged in when performing his or her official duties for the purposes of (a) the enforcement of the criminal law; (b) the administration of an Act; (c) the enforcement of a law imposing a pecuniary penalty; (d) the execution of a warrant; or € the protection of the public revenue.
VIC	Crimes Act 1958 s21A	1995	Engaging in a course of conduct with the intention to cause physical or mental harm, apprehension or fear.	Offender must intend to cause apprehension, fear, or physical or mental harm (or ought to have understood the results of their actions). The conduct must have the result intended by the offender.	Up to 10 years.	It is not an offence if behaviour is engaged in when performing official duties relating to enforcing the law, the administration of an Act, the execution of a warrant, or the protection of public revenue.
WA	Criminal Code Compilation Act 1913	1995	The prevention or hindering of another person's lawful actions, compelling a person to commit an act that they are lawfully	Offender must have intent to intimidate or the act does in fact intimidate.	Court of Summary Jurisdictions: Up to 18 months or a \$6,000 fine; a higher court: up to 3 years. Unless behaviour also involves possession of an offensive	If the accused acted with lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

Unlawful Stalking – Chapter 33A QLD Criminal Code 359B (c) What is unlawful stalking?

- *R v MacDonald* [2008] QCA 384 – here, the conduct commenced after a failed domestic relationship and included over 200 text messages. Some were threatening, offensive and insulting. The appellant also deflated the tyres on the stalked person's car.
- In *R v Henderson* [2013] QCA 146, the stalker and the stalked person had not physically met. Contact via social media (e.g., Facebook), telephone, and text messaging, can still constitute stalking.



Stalking & the Law

“One such extreme case is demonstrated by a man who was charged and convicted of stalking following the end of a flirtatious text message relationship. After the “victim” sent a message saying she did not want him to contact her again, he sent two text messages. The first stated “**you’re joking**” and when he did not receive a reply, he **sent another text in which he accused her profanely of leading him on**. Although the message was undeniably offensive, it could not be construed as threatening and he did not attempt to contact her again. Despite having no criminal history, he received a six month prison sentence, suspended for two years. His behaviour technically met the criteria for the offence of stalking in Victoria.”

(MacKenzie & James, 2011, p.222)



Cyberstalking



- ‘Stalking or harassing another person with the use of the Internet, e-mail, or other electronic communication devices’

(Fullerton, 2003; Moriarty & Freiberg, 2008; The National Center for Victims of Crime; U.S. Department of Justice, 1999; Valetk, 2002)

- Fear? (Finn, 2004; Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000; U.S. Department of Justice, 2000)
- Specific ‘Cyberstalking’ Laws?



(Bocij, 2003; Ogilvie, 2000; U.S. Department of Justice, 1999)



(Sheridan & Grant, 2007; Spitzberg & Hoobler, 2002)

Cyberstalking



UK Police Officers ($n=132$) reported that advances in technology in the form of mobile phones and the internet had increased the number of stalking reports in the past 5 years and made it easier for offenders to engage in stalking behaviour.

“The increased use of email/internet and mobile phones has made it easier for people to contact people who don’t wish to be contacted”
(Participant 11)

“not surprising when so many people contact random strangers on the internet— far too easy to get hold of people’s personal information then it was in the past” **(Participant 191)**



(Weller, Hope, & Sheridan, 2012, p.330)

Cyberstalking



‘Thus, there appears to be disagreement (or at least confusion) among officers as to whether digital, online or “cyber” stalking represents a separate crime or another form of stalking behaviour entirely.’

(Weller, Hope, & Sheridan, 2012, p.333)



Cyberstalking Research



Stalked via e-mail?
(1998, US study ($n=4,446$))



(Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000, National Institute of Justice)

Cyberstalked?
(2009, US study ($n=65,270$))

- Via E-mail (83 per cent)
- Via Instant messaging (35 per cent)



(Baum, Catalano, Rand, & Rose, 2009), ($n = 65,270$)

Cyberstalking Research



Received repeated e-mail or Instant Messenger (I-M) messages that “threatened, insulted, or harassed,” (2004, US study, (n=339))

(US undergraduate college students) (Finn, 2004)



Received unwanted pornography?



Cyberstalking Research



Most common cyberstalking behaviours:

- ↑ threatening, harassing, or obscene e-mails;
- ↑ live chat harassment or online verbal abuse;
- ↑ threatening or obscene calls to a cell phone;
- ↑ improper messages on message boards; and
- ↑ text and instant messaging.





How to Combat Cyberstalking

Situational Crime Prevention to Cyberstalking (Reyns, 2010), 'place managers' such as website administrators or web designers:

- making email addresses unavailable or increasing the effort required to obtain them;
- embedding personal identifiers into sent emails;
- monitoring sites and public boards for misuse;
- providing a clear code of conduct and reminders for users; and
- increasing the effort required to obtain an account.

Individuals/victims could prevent harm by:

- using spam filters;
- not replying to cyberstalkers;
- limiting access to sites;
- limiting exposure, such as not posting personal information or photos;
- changing their online identity if necessary;
- not accepting messages from unknown parties; and
- avoiding problem sites.

Responses to stalking



Are you:

Female?

Over 18 years old?

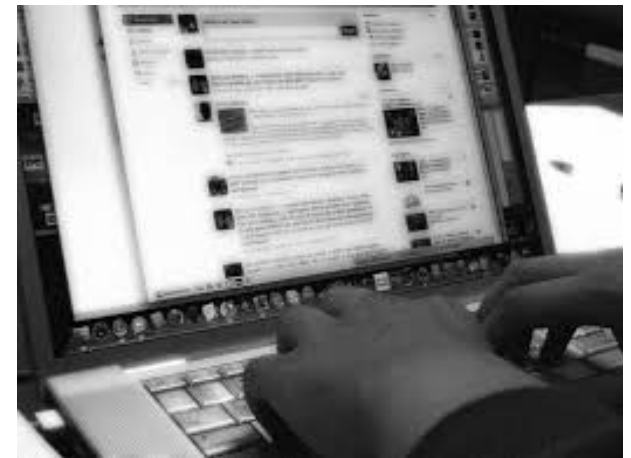
Living in Australia?

AND

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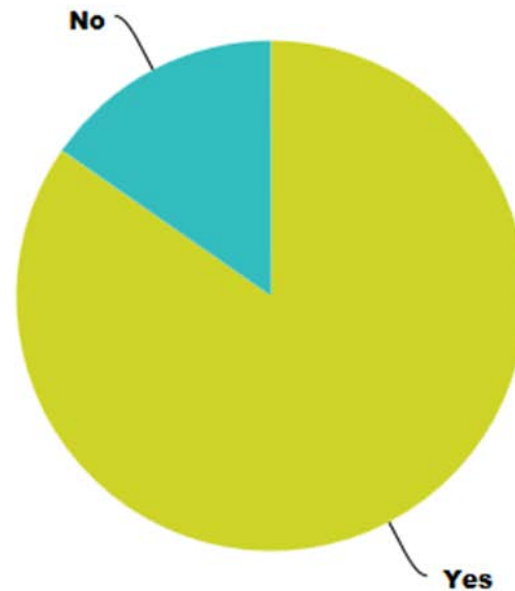
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Do you know who your stalker is?

Do you know who your stalker is?

Answered: 150 Skipped: 50

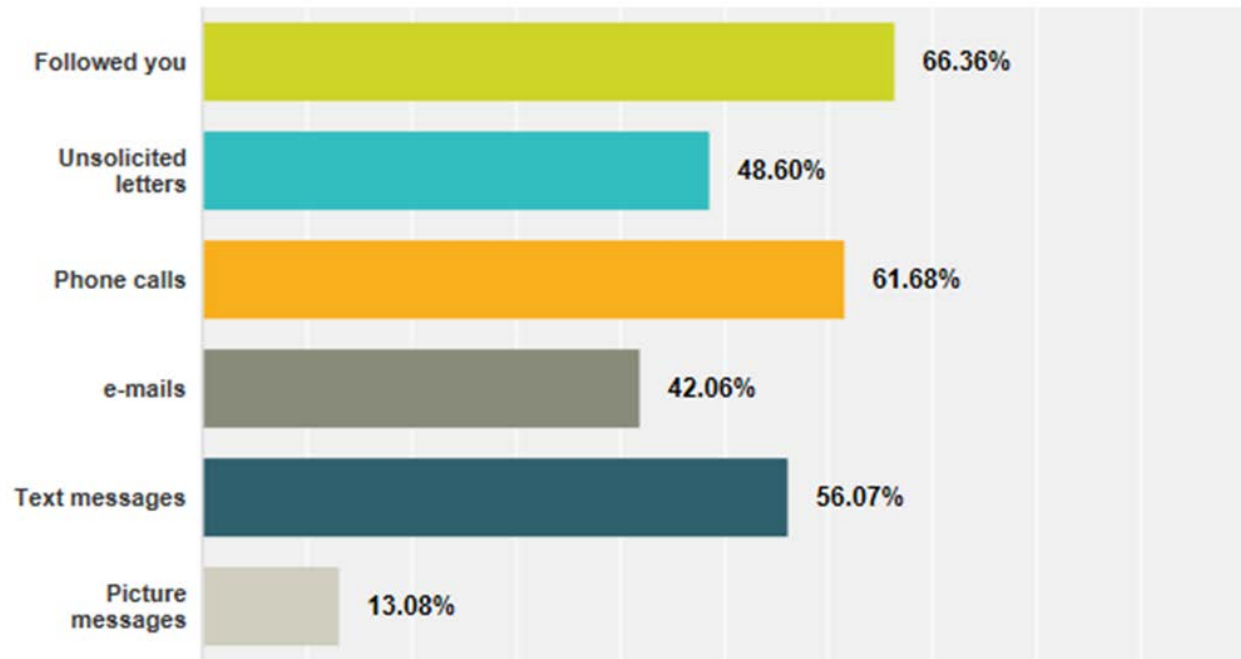


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	84.67% 127
No	15.33% 23
Total	150

Methods of Stalking

Stalkers harass using an almost endless variety of methods. We have listed the most common methods. Please indicate any you have experienced, and please add any further methods of stalking that we have missed:

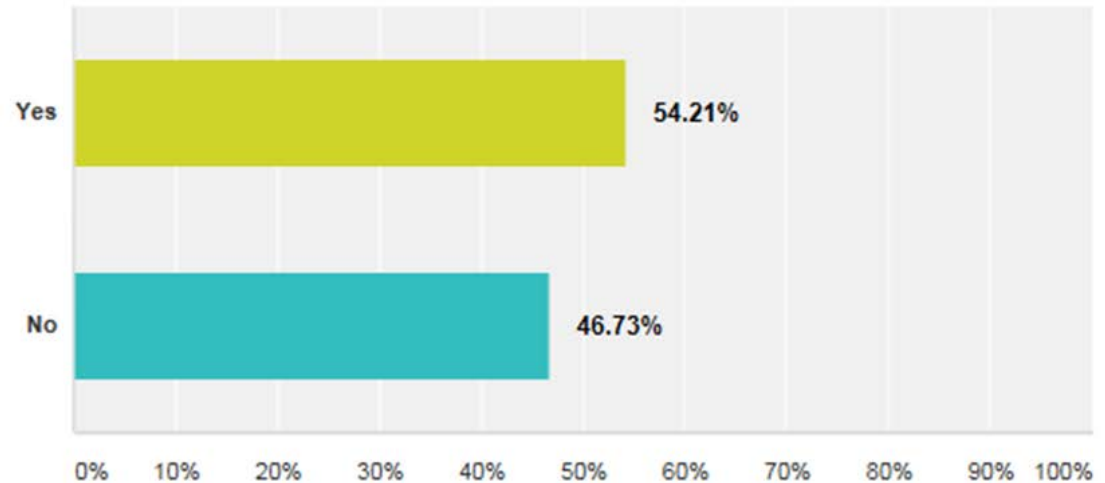
Answered: 107 Skipped: 93



Use of internet to stalk

3.18 Does/did the stalker harass you via the Internet?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 93



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	54.21% 58
No	46.73% 50
Total Respondents: 107	

[Comments \(52\)](#)

Contact? The first incident

What was the **FIRST** incident that made you aware you were being stalked? (e.g., being followed, sent text messages, received note, etc.)

Answered: 119 Skipped: 81

● Responses (119)

🔍 Text Analysis

📁 My Categories (0)

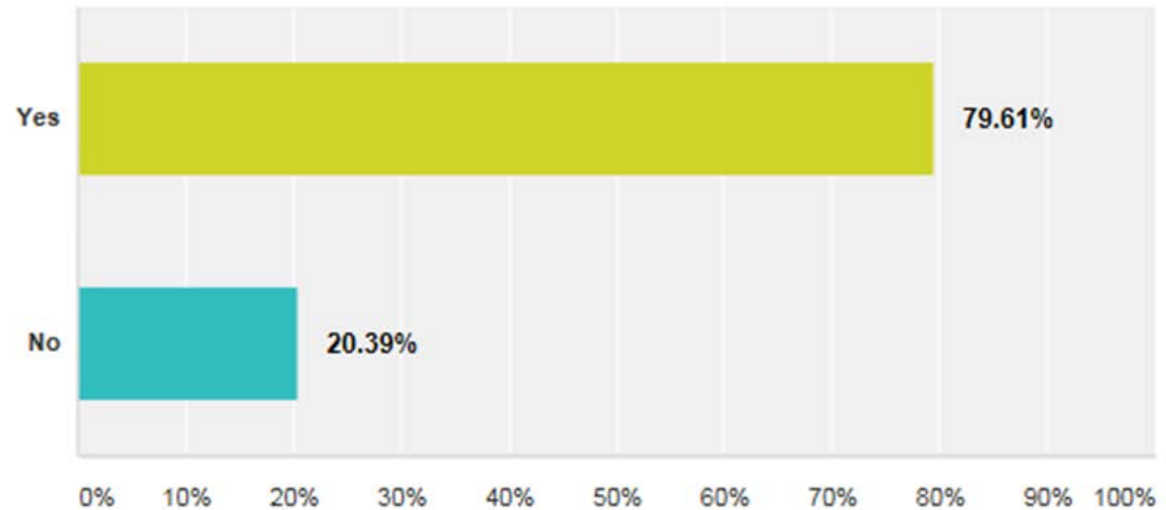
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Kept_{Letter} Started_{Morning} Street_{Train} Contact
Social Media Accounts House_{Blocked} Email
Remember Text Messages_{Stalkers}
Followed_{Outside} Phone Calls_{Public}
Stalking_{Meet} Received_{Walking} Aware_{Address}
Facebook_{Property} Turned Notes

Informing the stalker

Did you personally inform the stalker that their behaviour was unwanted?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 97



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.61%	82
No	20.39%	21
Total Respondents: 103		

Contact - How did you do this?

If yes, how did you inform them of this?
(e.g., face to face, phone, text message,
personal letter)

Answered: 80 Skipped: 120

● Responses (80)

▲ Text Analysis

▼ My Categories (0)



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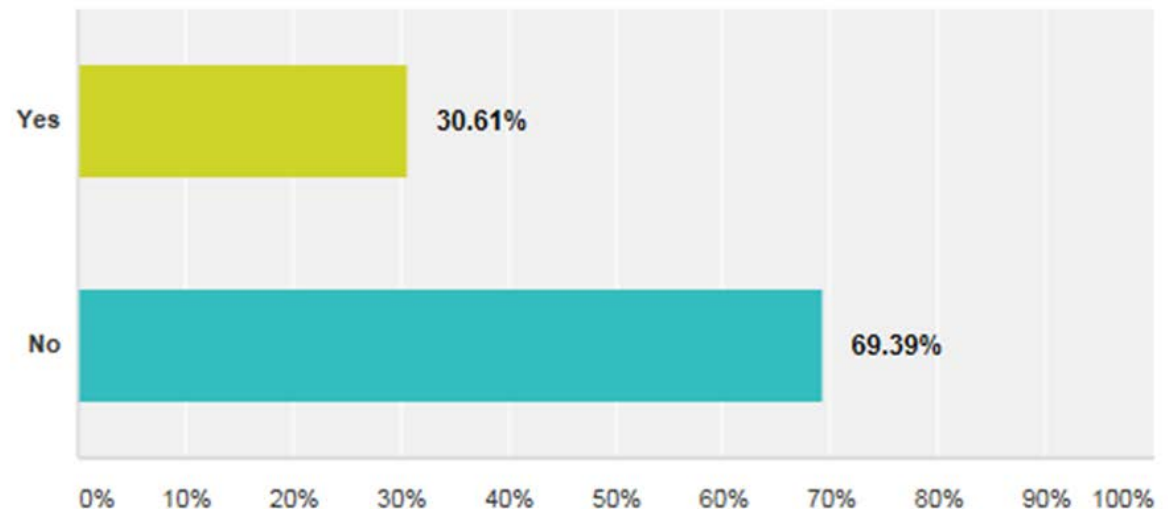
Text and Telephone **Face to Face** Door

Text Message Facebook

Responses – Mobile Phone

Did you change your mobile/telephone number?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 102

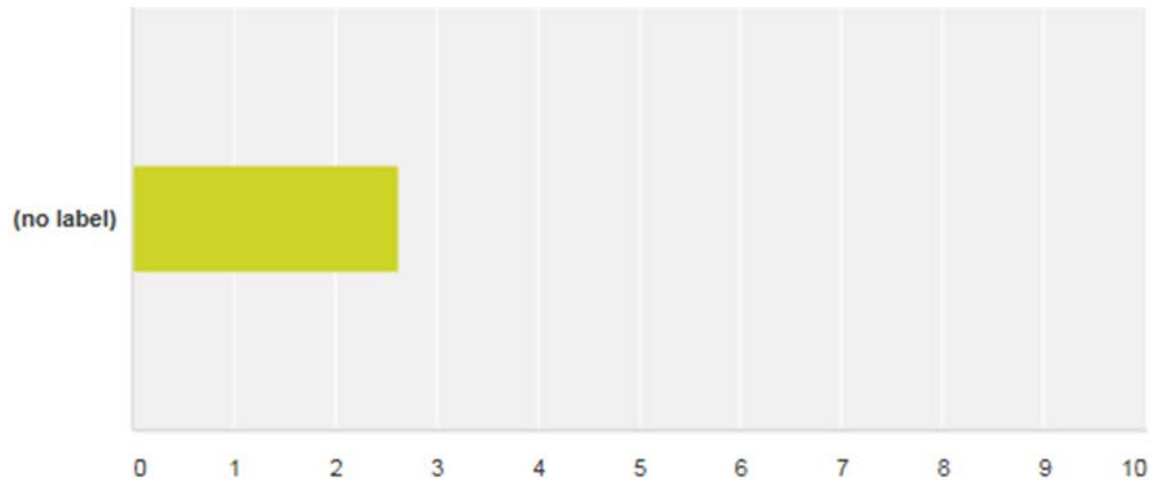


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	30.61% 30
No	69.39% 68
Total Respondents: 98	

Changing Mobile Phone Number

How helpful in stopping the stalking was this?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 170

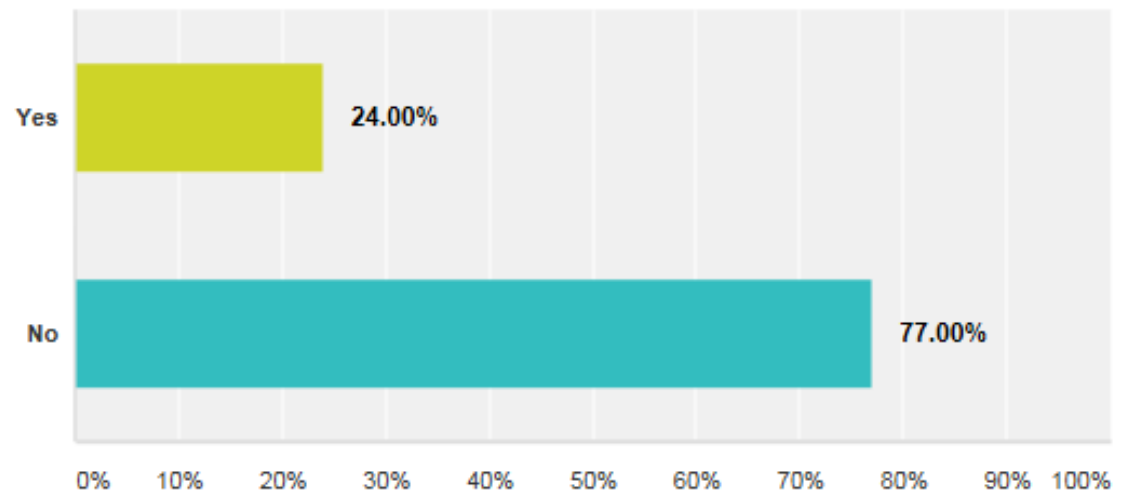


	Very Helpful	Helpful	No Difference	Unhelpful	Made things worse	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	10.00% 3	33.33% 10	46.67% 14	3.33% 1	6.67% 2	30	2.63

Responses – E-mail address

Did you change your e-mail address?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 100



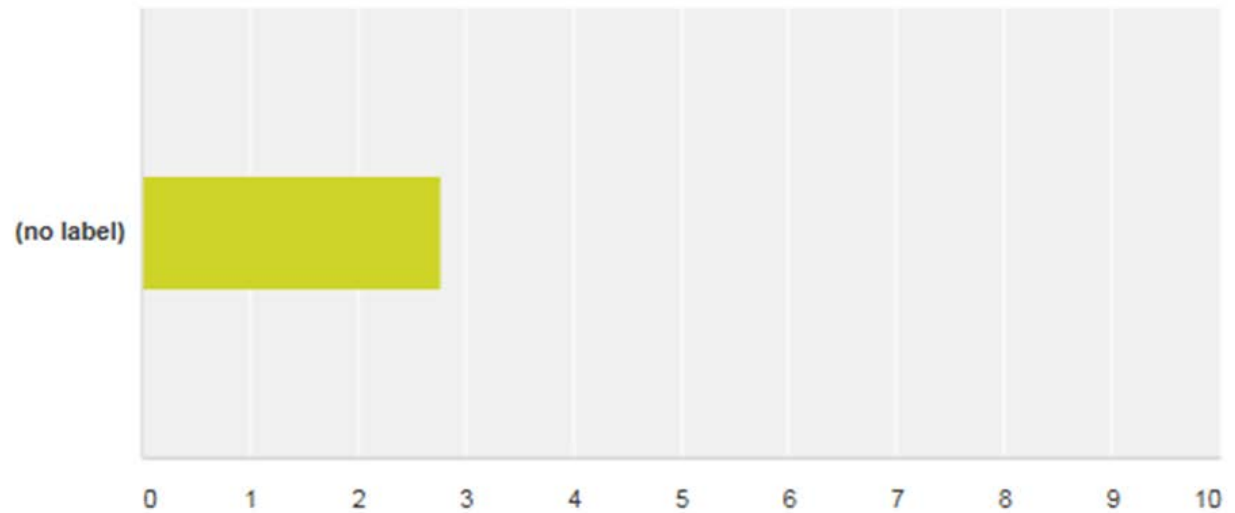
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	24.00% 24
No	77.00% 77

Total Respondents: 100

Changing E-mail address

How helpful in stopping the stalking was this?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 177

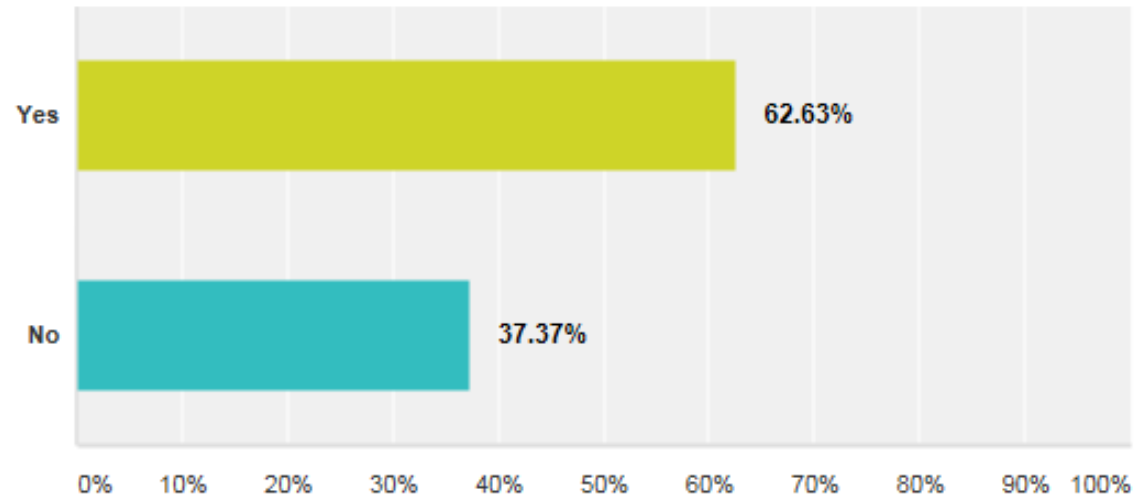


	Very Helpful	Helpful	No Difference	Unhelpful	Made things worse	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	13.04% 3	26.09% 6	43.48% 10	4.35% 1	13.04% 3	23	2.78

Responses – Online Activity

Did you alter your activity online (i.e., took Facebook down or blocked the stalker)

Answered: 99 Skipped: 101

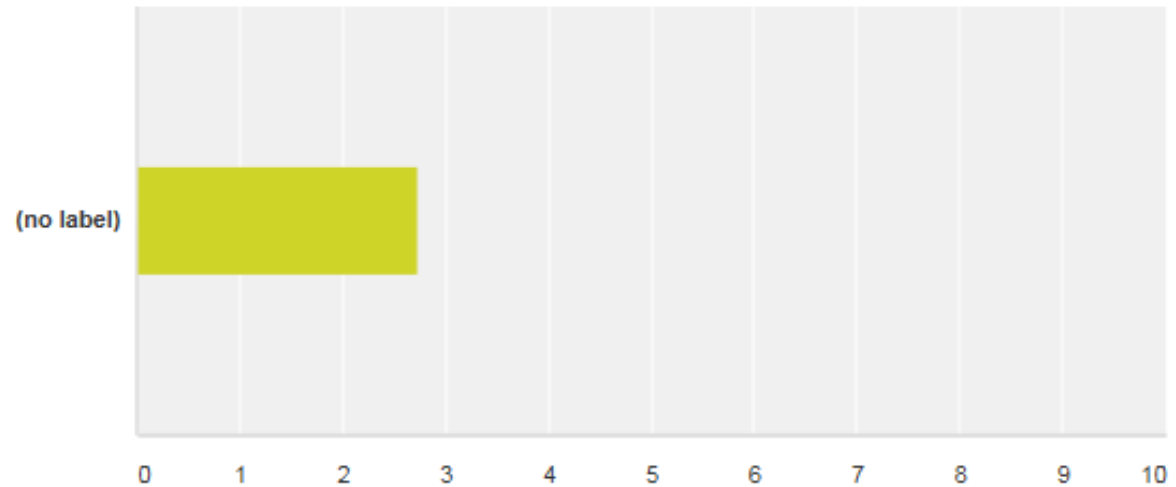


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	62.63% 62
No	37.37% 37
Total Respondents: 99	

Altering Online Activity

How helpful in stopping the stalking was this?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 139



	Very Helpful	Helpful	No Difference	Unhelpful	Made things worse	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	13.11% 8	27.87% 17	39.34% 24	11.48% 7	8.20% 5	61	2.74



Challenges

- Accepting that harm minimisation and risk mitigation are part of a rational response
- Cross jurisdictional boundaries
- Anonymity
- Intersection between commerce and criminal law
- Lack of specialisation in the law enforcement response
- Governmental co-ordination

Questions





Thank You!

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