## IT ISN'T ROMANTIC

Changing the Conversation Around Stalking



#### WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that causes them to fear for their safety, experience substantial emotional distress, or fear for the safety of others.



#### WHO EXPERIENCES STALKING?

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women

experience stalking in college

1 IN 33

men

experience stalking in college



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## 1 IN 7

#### trans and nonbinary students

experience stalking in college

#### **KNOW YOUR RESOURCES**



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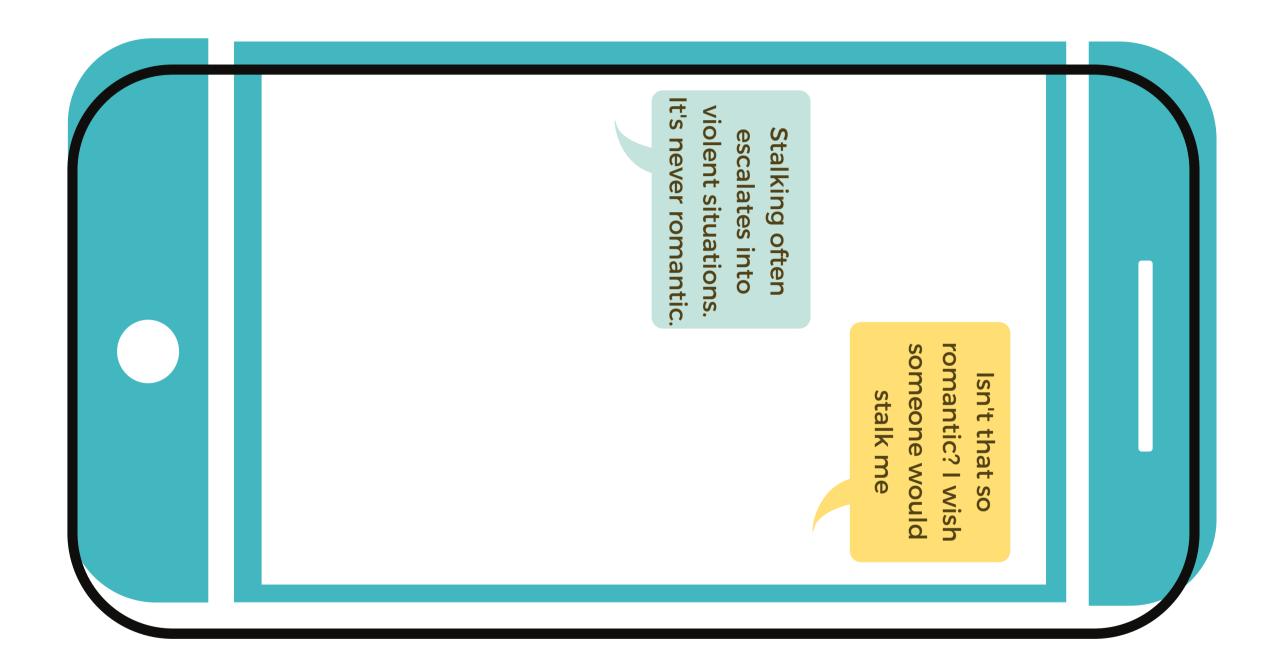


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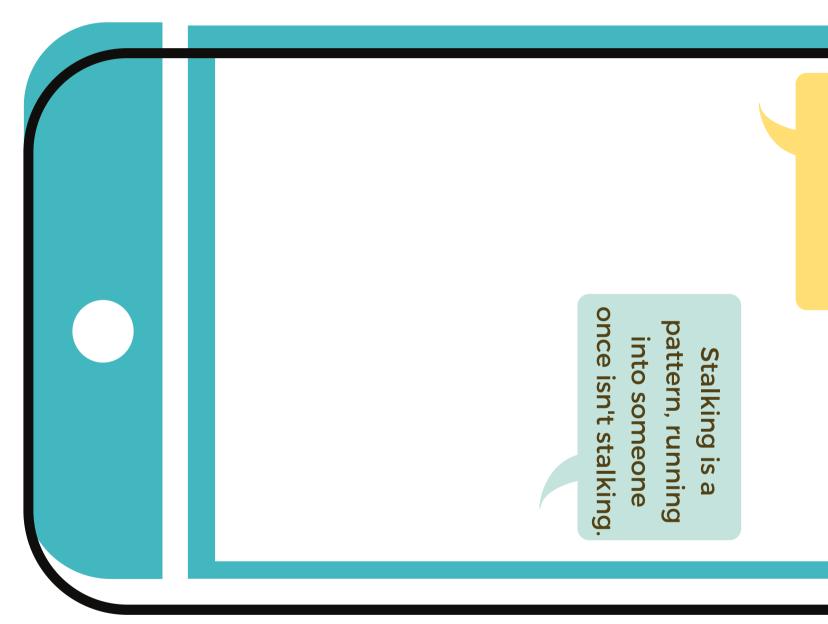
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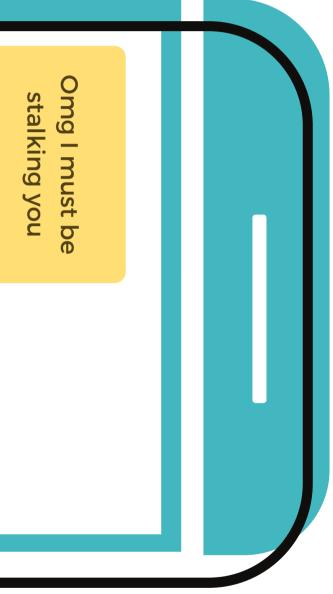
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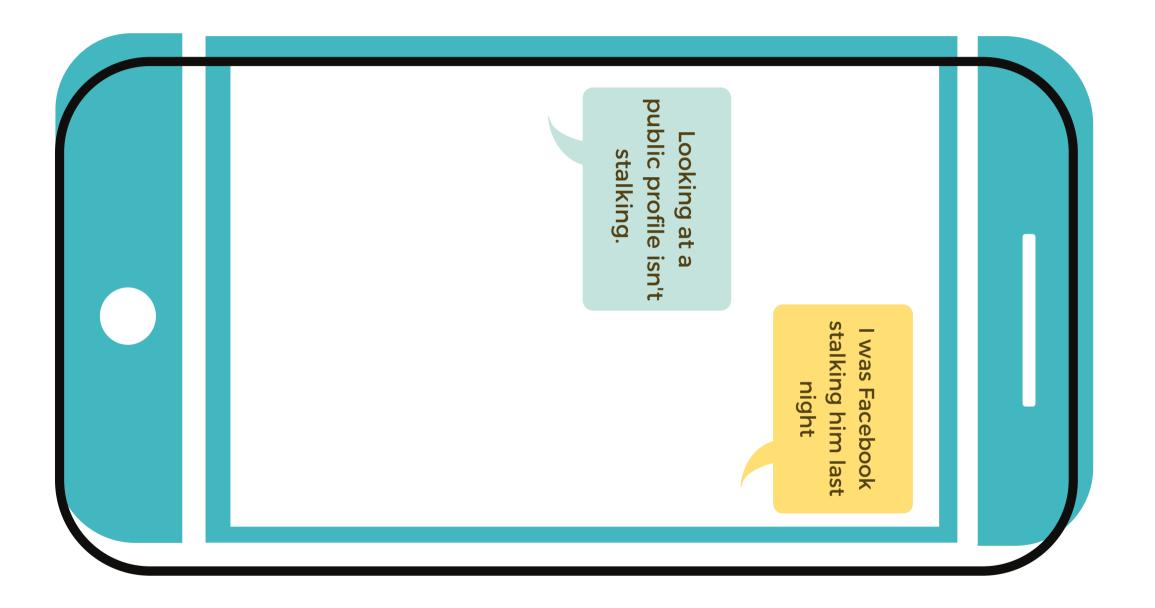


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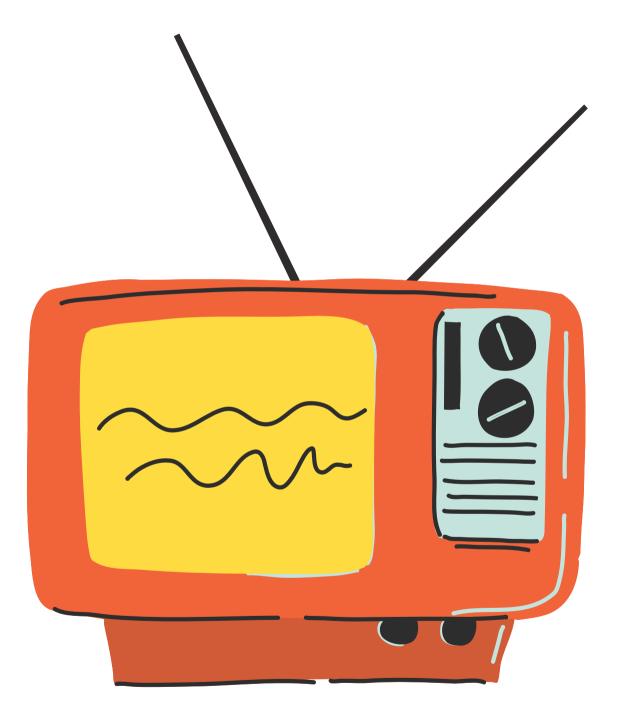




#### **KNOW THE SIGNS OF STALKING**

Unwanted contact Following you Showing up or waiting for you at places Sending unwanted gifts or letters Threatening to hurt you or your loved ones

- Tracking you using technology (like GPS, apps, or hidden cameras)
- Spreading rumors about you in person or online
- Posting or threatening to post or share intimate photos of you
- Other actions that control, track, or scare you



#### **RECOGNIZE STALKING** IN MEDIA

Movies, tv shows, books, and music are notorious for normalizing stalking. Most media has stories that normalize stalking behaviors (like following someone) or just general disrespect for people's privacy and boundaries. Your favorite show or song might do this too. There's nothing wrong with watching that movie or enjoying that song, but it's important to think about what it is saying. Media often sends the message that stalking is romantic, persistent, or charming, but it's not. Stalking is scary, unwanted, and traumatic for those who experience it.

#### ENGAGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

Ask your friends before you post photos of them or tag them in posts

Wait to publicly share photos from travel or live events until you are back home

Be mindful about adding information to your bio about where you live, your relationships, or your workplace/education (this is usually public even if your profile is private!)

Be considerate when tagging businesses/locations

Turn off geolocation, or be selective about who you share it with

