

# STALKING & LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS

LGBTQ+ individuals are more likely than heterosexual and cisgender individuals to experience stalking victimization.

## STALKING VICTIMIZATION BY SEXUAL ORIENTATION:<sup>1</sup>

### BISEXUAL



1 in 2 women



1 in 4 men

### LESBIAN/GAY



1 in 3 women



1 in 4 men

### HETEROSEXUAL



1 in 3 women



1 in 6 men

The vast majority of LGBTQ+ victims are stalked by someone they know

-- most likely an intimate partner or acquaintance.



52%  
of lesbian women

82%  
of bisexual women

89%  
of gay men

27%  
of bisexual men

are stalked by men.



LGBTQ+ individuals face stigma, prejudice, & discrimination when accessing services.



Listening, being open, and treating victims with respect is essential.

## UNDERGRADUATE STALKING VICTIMS<sup>3</sup>



transgender & nonbinary/genderqueer undergraduate students

general undergraduate student population



WHEN STALKERS ARE MOTIVATED BY PREJUDICE AGAINST LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS, **STALKING MAY ALSO BE A HATE CRIME**

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