

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
University Policies and Procedures

4601 - STALKING POLICY

Statement: Stalking is defined as an intentional course of conduct directed at another person or series of people which would cause a reasonable person to feel frightened, intimidated, threatened, or harassed. Stalking may occur when the person engaging in the course of conduct knows or should know that:

1. the conduct is unwanted; or
2. the conduct causes the other persons(s) a reasonable expectation of imminent physical harm; or
3. the conduct causes substantial impairment of the other person's ability to perform the activities of daily life.

Examples of stalking behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Repeatedly contacting or following another person or series of people
- Remaining in a person's physical or visual proximity
- Surveillance or other types of observation
- Harassment, either by the individual or through a third party
- Conveying verbal or written threats or threats implied by conduct (or a combination thereof)
- Use of electronic devices or software to track or obtain private information.

Students or employees charged with a violation of the stalking policy can be disciplined under the appropriate standards of conduct.

Counseling, crisis-intervention, and medical assistance will be made available to the victim through RESPONSE (757-622-4300) and through campus services such as the Women's Center, Counseling Services and Student Health Services. A victim may choose to contact any of the above services for support and information whether or not she/he chooses to report the stalking to the Department of Public Safety or Police.

Responsibility: Dean of Students and Chief Student Affairs Officer (for students)
Vice President for Human Resources (for employees)

Authorization: John R. Broderick, Acting President

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