# NATIONAL STALKING AWARNESS MONTH

Stalking is considered a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.



#### **Stalking in Texas**

In Texas, stalking is considered a thirddegree felony, one of the most serious classes of felony in the state.

Penalties for this level of felony in Texas can include a fine of up to \$10,000 AND a prison sentence of 2 to 10 years.

### Cyberstalking

Cyberstalking is a crime in Texas. Texas law includes provisions that prohibit stalking and harassment through electronic communication. Including email, social media, instant messaging, and other forms of digital communication.

#### Title IX

**Anonymous reporting** is available. Reporting can help protect your safety; ensure you receive proper medical care, support services, and information regarding your options and rights; and prevent future assaults by the respondent. We will communicate with you throughout the process, to keep you in control of the situation and feel as safe as possible.

## Resources



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