

Stalking and Harassment Assessment and Risk Profile (SHARP)¹

STALKING DEFINITION:

A course of conduct directed at a specific person that creates an implicit or explicit threat and induces fear or concern for personal safety or the safety of close others.

4.1 million women and **2.1 million** men in the U.S. will be stalked each year²

Many victims do not use the term “stalking” but they describe stalking behaviors including:



SURVEILLANCE

Following, showing up, spying, using technology to keep tabs on the victim.



LIFE INVASION

Repeated unwanted contact in person or by phone, text, email, card/note, message, third party, and social media.



INTIMIDATION

Implicit and explicit threats, third party threats, forced confrontations, property damage, and threatened suicide.



INTERFERENCE

Disruption of the victim's life professionally and socially as well as physical and sexual attacks.

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The Stalking and Harassment Assessment and Risk Profile (SHARP) is a 48 item web-based assessment developed from empirical research, clinical literature, stalking victims' stories, case studies, as well as feedback from victims, advocates, and other professionals in the field. SHARP provides an assessment of the “big picture” of the stalking situation.



SHARP is free, only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, and does not store any personal information



SHARP can be used by stalking victims, anyone supporting stalking victims, and by individuals who want to learn about stalking



SHARP can also be used by law enforcement and other professionals to help structure interviews and stalking cases



SHARP assesses the big picture of stalking and 14 key risk factors associated with increased danger in stalking situations

Within a few minutes after completing SHARP, two narrative reports are created.

- The first report is a narrative of the stalking situation that validates the victims' experience, explaining the fear created by the stalking, and the impact on the victims' life.
- The second report helps explain risk factors and provides some safety suggestions for victims.

SHARP can be accessed at www.StalkingRisk.com | www.CoerciveControl.org

For more resources and information about stalking: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org> | www.OutrageUs.org

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² Smith, S.G., Zhang, X., Basile, K.C., Merrick, M.T., Wang, J., Kresnow, M., Chen, J. (2018). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NIS-VS): 2015 Data Brief – Updated Release. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.