



Stalking Law

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What is Connecticut's Stalking Law?

There are three degrees of stalking defined in Connecticut's stalking law:

- Stalking in the third degree (Class B misdemeanor) is when a person "...recklessly causes another person to reasonably fear for his/her physical safety by willfully and repeatedly following or lying in wait for such other person."
- Stalking in the second degree (Class A misdemeanor) is when a person..."knowingly engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person or interferes with that person's property. Also if the person intentionally and for no legitimate purpose engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear that his/her employment, business or career was threatened.
- Stalking in the first degree (Class D felony) is when a person commits stalking in the second degree AND was previously convicted of stalking in the second degree, OR his/her conduct violates a court order in effect at the time of the offense, OR the person who was stalked is under sixteen years of age.

If You Think You are Being Stalked

If you think you or your child is being stalked, call the police, the domestic violence hotline, or the sexual assault hotline immediately.

For more information on "How to Get a Restraining Order", visit CTLawHelp.org

To Find Providers in Connecticut's Community Resources Database:

Search by service names:

- [Domestic Violence Hotlines](#)
- [Law Enforcement Agencies](#)
- [Sexual Assault Hotlines](#)

For more information, visit The National Center for Victims of Crime: [Stalking Resource Center link](#).

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