

Someone is lurking around in front of your doorstep, the phone rings in the middle of the night and someone with whom you do not wish to have any contact just does not shake off.

You then start feeling like many other men and women. You feel threatened – by a stalker, who wants to terrorise you and wants to be in close proximity to you.



There should be an end to it!

Talk to us!

We will help you to defend yourself against the threat of stalkers.

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That does it!

Stalking – and what you can
do to fight it

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Process support for victims in criminal cases

Stay away from me

Many people know the situation from their personal experience. They have been constantly molested and followed by their former partner, a rejected admirer or by an unknown person against their will. If love or admiration turns into persistent molestation, it is known as "stalking". Stalkers want to force themselves in the proximity of another person. This has got nothing to do with love, but is all about exercising their power and control.

Stalkers watch, follow and threaten their victims. Telephone harassment and other undesired approaches are the rule. Stalkers do not stop at this and also molest friends, relatives or colleagues of their victims. They also resort to grave physical attacks sometimes. If suitable countermeasures are not taken, the stalker's behaviour becomes more and more menacing with time.

At the Gewaltschutzzentrum, we help you to take action against this terror.

Not a harmless crime, but a punishable offence

Stalking has tremendous effects on the personal well-being. Those affected are exposed to great stress and massive strains. Moreover, stalking is often mistaken for harmless wooing in the beginning. Therefore, many victims feel that they are not taken seriously by their neighbourhood.

Many men and women have already had their share of experience with stalkers. At least one of three Austrian women has already been threatened in this manner. Since 2006, Austria has introduced legal regulations for protection from stalking. Evidence is thus available to quickly and effectively act against the offender.

Stalking is not a trifle, but a punishable act which can be reported.

Help and assistance

Stalkers can be very imaginative in their advances and become very tenacious while following their victims. Stalkers want to exercise their power and control.

At the Gewaltschutzzentrum, we help you to effectively defend yourself against the threat from stalking. Together with you, we will generate an individual hazard analysis and initiate suitable measures for protection.

We will also inform you about the legal options that are available to you.

We offer individual support and are with you: from the first consultation right up to the trial.

Help against stalkers

- Ignore all advances and never respond to calls, SMSs, letters, emails or gifts. Any reaction from the person being followed and the stalkers take that as an encouraging sign.
- Inform your family, friends and acquaintances. Making it public can protect you.
- Secure proofs and document everything that the stalker does, sends or conveys.
- Call up the police. There are legal regulations against stalking. The court can prohibit the stalker from establishing any contact with you.
- Speak to us at the Gewaltschutzzentrum. We will stand by you and help you to take suitable measures against stalking.

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