

New Stalking Legislation

It is an offence to use technology to monitor or track the movements and activities of another person.

Stalking means:

- Physically following a person.
- Watching or frequenting a person's place of residence, business or work, or any place a person attends for any social or leisure activity. This includes watching or frequenting the vicinity of or approach to these places.
- Persistently contacting the person via technical means.

The definition of stalking was expanded on 1 December 2024. It now includes:

 The monitoring or tracking a person's activities, communications, or movements whether by using technology or in another way, and whether or not the monitoring or tracking involves contacting or otherwise approaching the person.

Domestic abuse and stalking is a serious matter.

The offence of stalking carries a penalty of up to five years imprisonment.

