

# Stalking Consultation Paper (VLRC)

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## 16 Can the criminal law response to stalking be improved?

Absolutely. Putting the accountability on the offender can prevent any further dangerous acts from proceeding in the future. It's important that the VLRC must consider other serious measures in terms of implementing something new or to strengthen the existing stalking laws to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the victim.

## 20 Should electronic monitoring be introduced to monitor people who have been assessed as posing a high risk of ongoing stalking behaviour? If yes, in what circumstances?

An ankle or wrist bracelet that is worn by the perpetrator and the victim can be served as a surveillance system. From the perpetrator, it will be measured on the radar to track the whereabouts, in terms of distance and what time of the event occurred from which location.

Whereas for the victim who is the recipient, will be notified of the following responses coming from the perpetrator which will track the distance and what time of the event occurred from which location.

As mentioned above, this will also notify the local police which comes from their surveillance system.

## 28 What are the barriers that some victim survivors experience when seeking help for cyberstalking?

Victims can be afraid of leaving their house just in case a perpetrator may be watching them.

When a victim receives a bunch of friend requests who happen to be fake accounts. This can manipulate the victim into believing that it's their friend or family member.

## 29 If a person suspects that they are being kept under surveillance using cyberstalking, what kind of help do they need to ensure that they are safe?

Report it to the police as soon as possible.

Disable location tracking from your mobile app.

Block your webcam from the laptop and desktop.

## 30 In what ways can apps and smart devices be used to facilitate stalking? What controls could be put in place to prevent apps and smart devices being used to facilitate stalking?

Keeping your social media account on private can prevent cyber stalking (this includes messaging where no one else can message you).

Do not accept friend requests from strangers, and do not send friend requests to strangers.

On social media, do not post pictures of where you live (your house), otherwise the perpetrator can take time to research or figure out the address.

Install a VPN on your PC and mobile so that your network doesn't end up being tracked by a hacker.