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Excerpt from:  
*The Psychology of Stalking, Clinical and Forensic Perspectives*  
(1998, Edited by J. Reid Meloy)

Security Measures: The Workplace, pp. 308-09

“The worksite poses a number of security problems... Any law enforcement response to the target’s employer site, however, would average 8 to 10 minutes, more than enough time for a homicide to occur in these situations (see, e.g., Meloy, 1997a). Consequently, victims and their supporters need to be aware that they are solely responsible for their safety, particularly in the critical opening moments of a confrontation. This is why in more serious cases the target may consider a temporary or permanent relocation and change in her work location or employer.

“The disruption to the victim by these measures should not be minimized. It is ultimately the victim’s decision to balance his or her need for physical safety with the loss of familiar surroundings and relationships.”

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF STALKING VICTIMS

Study by Doris M. Hall, Ph.D. (1998)

### Ethnicity of Stalking Victims

| <b>Ethnicity</b>      | <b>N</b>   | <b>This Study (%)</b> | <b>U.S. Population (%)</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| White/Caucasian/Anglo | 123        | 84                    | 83                         |
| African American      | 8          | 6                     | 13                         |
| Other                 | 14         | 10                    | 4                          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>145</b> | <b>100</b>            | <b>100</b>                 |

### Stalking Victim's Marital Status at the Time of Stalking

### Age Range of Stalking Victims when Stalked

| <b>Marital Status</b>      | <b>N</b>   | <b>%</b>   | <b>Age range (years)</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>%</b> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Never married              | 49         | 34         | Under 18                 | 5        | 3        |
| Divorced                   | 41         | 28         | 18 - 25                  | 35       | 24       |
| Married, first time        | 21         | 15         | 26 - 30                  | 21       | 15       |
| Separated                  | 18         | 12         | 31 - 35                  | 18       | 13       |
| Remarried                  | 8          | 5          | 36 - 40                  | 21       | 15       |
| Living w/significant other | 4          | 3          | 41 - 50                  | 28       | 20       |
| Widowed                    | 4          | 3          | 51 - 60                  | 11       | 8        |
|                            |            |            | 61 - 70                  | 2        | 1        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>145</b> | <b>100</b> | Over 70                  | 2        | 1        |

Total 143\* 100

\*2 cases did not respond to this item

### Stalking Victim's Occupation at the Time of Stalking

| <b>Occupation</b>     | <b>N</b>   | <b>%</b>   |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Professional          | 46         | 31         |
| Executive/managerial  | 29         | 20         |
| Clerical/sales        | 23         | 16         |
| Student               | 17         | 12         |
| Technical             | 17         | 7          |
| Musician/actor/artist | 6          | 4          |
| Retired               | 5          | 3          |
| Homemaker             | 4          | 3          |
| Disabled/handicapped  | 1          | 1          |
| Other                 | 4          | 3          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>145</b> | <b>100</b> |