# Newsletter Sample Blurbs

200 words or less

Spread the word about National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) by including stalking information in your January newsletter! Sample language below.

# <u>General</u>

January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)! Though millions of men and women are stalked every year in the United States, the crime of stalking is often misunderstood, minimized and/or ignored.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that causes fear. Many stalking victims experience being followed, approached and/or threatened – including through technology. Stalking is a terrifying and psychologically harmful crime in its own right as well as a predictor of serious violence. In 85% of cases where an intimate partner (i.e., boyfriend or husband) attempted to murder his partner, there was stalking in the year prior to the attack.

We all have a role to play in identifying stalking and supporting victims and survivors. Learn more at <u>www.stalkingawareness.org</u> and how you can help stop it!

## For Youth-serving Organizations

January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)! Of the millions of men and women stalked every year in the United States, over half report being stalked before the age of 25 and over 15% report it first happened before the age of 18. Despite the reality that young people experience stalking, this crime is often misunderstood, minimized and/or ignored.

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# For Criminal Justice and/or Law Enforcement

January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)! Stalking is prevalent, dangerous and constitutes a crime in all 50 states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, tribal lands and in the military justice system. Stalking can be difficult to investigate, charge and prosecute in a system designed to respond to singular incidents rather than the series of acts that constitute stalking.

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## For Sexual Assault Organizations

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Stalking often predicts and/or co-occurs with sexual violence. Stalkers may threaten sexual assault, convince someone else to commit assault and/or actually assault their victims. Nearly 1 in 3 women who were stalked by an intimate partner were also sexually assaulted by that partner.

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## For Domestic Violence Organizations

January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)! Stalking is a prevalent crime that often co-occurs with domestic violence. Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that causes fear. Stalking can be an extension of power and control in an abusive relationship, and many abusers stalk their partners both during the relationship and after the relationship has ended. On average, intimate partner stalkers are the most persistent and dangerous to their victims.

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#### For Campuses

January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)! Of the millions of men and women stalked every year in the United States, over half report being stalked before the age of 25 – and young people ages 18-24 experience the highest rates of stalking among adults. Stalking is one of the Clery Act crimes that colleges and universities are charged with addressing, yet this crime is often misunderstood, minimized and/or ignored.

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