

STALKING POLICY

Stalking and cyber stalking are behaviors prohibited by University policy and Massachusetts law. In Massachusetts such conduct are felonies. M.G.L. c. 265 § 43. Stalking includes a willful and malicious knowing pattern of conduct or acts over a period of time directed at a specific person which seriously alarms or annoys the person and which causes a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress and makes a threat with the intent to place the person in imminent fear of death or bodily injury. Stalking can be accomplished by mail, telephone, electronic mail, internet communications and facsimile. Conduct which does not include a threat of death or bodily injury is also illegal and considered harassment by University policy and Massachusetts law. M.G.L. c. 265 § 43A.

Students, staff and faculty may turn to the Resource Persons listed in the Policy On Sexual Harassment for help in dealing with incidents of stalking or harassment.

Tufts will include a description of the Stalking Policy in *The Pacyderm* and in its orientation materials for incoming students. Tufts will also refer to the Stalking Policy in its brochure and Policy on Sexual Harassment.