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January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Stalking Awareness Month

JOIN VI DVSAC BY WEARING BLUE ON JANUARY 11th



Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, 2021

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do proclaim January 2021 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, culminating in the annual observation of National Freedom Day on February 1, 2021. I call upon industry associations, law enforcement, private businesses, faith-based and other organizations of civil society, survivors and advocates, schools, families, and all Americans to recognize our vital roles in ending all forms of modern slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities aimed at ending and preventing all forms of human trafficking. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

Donald J Trump

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STALKING: Ten Things Everyone Should Know

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Stalking is repeated, unwanted attention that makes a person feel scared or threatened. Stalking often starts with a series of small, annoying acts. But overtime, it can progress to violent behavior. Stalking is serious and against the law.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior.

Stalking may start with constant phone calls, emails, instant messages, texts or letters. A stalker may follow you. He or she may use things like GPS technology of a hidden camera to spy on you. You may get unwanted gifts or find other clues that a stalker was nearby. The person may damage your property or threaten to hurt you.

Anyone can be a victim of stalking.

A stalker may be someone you know, like an ex-partner or a casual friend. A stalker may also be a stranger. Both men and women can be stalkers or can be victims of stalking.

Stalking is not the victim's fault.

You are not to blame for a stalker's actions. Stalking is not about romance or playing "hard to get". It is a way to scare and control you.

If you are being stalked, get help right away! Don't Wait!

Call a victim's hotline or a crisis center for support. They can help you stay safe.

Tell your friends, roommates, neighbors and co-workers what is happening.

Develop a Safety Plan

Talk with a victim's advocate or police officer about a safety plan. A safety plan may include avoiding being alone, keeping a phone nearby, varying your routine or spending the night in a safe place.

Make a no-contact statement!

A victim's advocate or police officer may suggest you make a no-contact statement. This is when you tell the stalker to stop. You can make a no-contact statement in writing (like an email or registered letter). Once you've told a stalker to leave you alone, **do not respond to further contact!!**

Block the stalker's attempts to contact you!

Get a new unlisted number and a new phone the stalker has never had access to. Use a caller ID system to block unwanted calls. Change passwords and email addresses! **DO NOT POST ANYTHING ON SOCIAL MEDIA!** Set privacy settings on social media networks to the highest level. Check your car, cell and computer for GPS surveillance technology.

Keep a log of all contacts!

Report stalking to the police

If you are in grave DANGER, Dial 9-1-1

Trust your instincts. Take threats seriously and if you feel unsafe, get help right away.

January is Stalking Awareness Month

Human Trafficking Discussion Panel

Join the Virgin Islands Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council - VI DVSAC for a panel discussion with our community partners in support of Human Trafficking Awareness month on January 11th at 2:00 pm

Join discussion via Zoom on January 11th at 2:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82994484520>

Or you can dial in to join
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FREE event, open to the public



DVSAC Faith Based Committee supports initiatives to end domestic and sexual violence within faith based communities.

The purpose of DVSAC's Faith Based Committee is to collaborate with the Faith Based community to create awareness, initiatives and events to support the goal of ending domestic and sexual violence in the territory.

We are currently seeking Faith Based Leaders, Faith Based Department heads, Auxiliary leaders and other members of the Faith Based Community to participate in one monthly meeting which will be held for one hour each third Tuesday of each month at either 10:00 am or 6:00 pm.

Training topics

Domestic Violence

Sexual Assault

Rape

Sensitivity Training

Faith-Based

Healthy Relationships

Economic Abuse

Issues

Economic Justice

For Survivors

Sexual Harassment

Workplace

College Campus

Teen Dating

Violence and

Sexual Assault

Human Trafficking

Cyberbullying

Many More...

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Join us at the Park!! Hey St John....

Find us at our table every two weeks, the second and fourth Thursdays 10am to 2pm ... *weather permitting* at

The Frank Powell Park

Join us for education and free stuff!!!

**Come meet our New Executive Director on
Thursday, January 22nd 11:00am –1:30pm at the
Park.**



Helpful Information

[#WearBlueDay | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

[Office on Trafficking in Persons \(OTIP\) | ACF Enterprise \(hhs.gov\)](#)

[VIDVSAC | Sion Farm | VI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council](#)

February is Teen Dating Violence

Awareness Month

Look out for announcements

On our website