

STALKING AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

BOTH CRIMES ARE:

PREVALENT {in the United States }



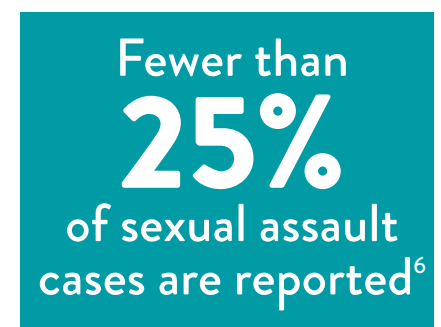
MISUNDERSTOOD AND MINIMIZED

Victims of both of these crimes are frequently **NOT BELIEVED**, told they are **OVERREACTING** and/or **BLAMED** and accused of doing something wrong to have invited the offender's behavior.

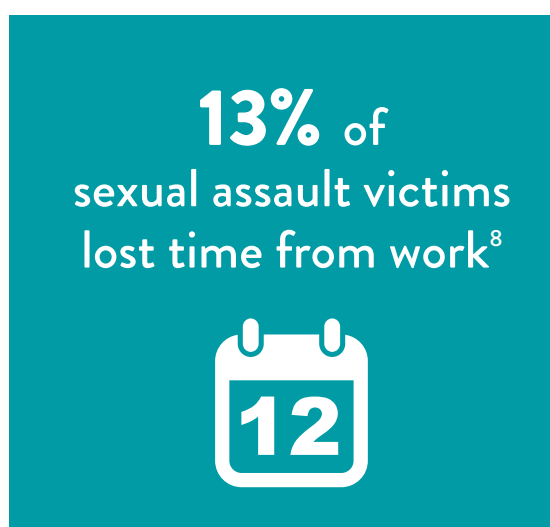
PERPETRATED BY SOMEONE THE VICTIM KNOWS



UNDERREPORTED { to police }



TRAUMATIC { for victims and survivors }



Victims of stalking and sexual assault suffer both acute and long-lasting trauma. Stalking victims and survivors suffer much higher rates of depression, anxiety, insomnia, and social dysfunction than people in the general population.⁷

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