



VAWA Reauthorization (& Campus SaVE Act)





VAWA New Definitions Added to the Law

Domestic Violence:

Violence between those in an intimate relationship with one another.

-Committed by

- current or former spouse of victim
- person with whom victim shares a child
- current or former cohabitor in spousal role
- similarly situated to a spouse of the victim

-Committed to

- adult or youth victim protected by local domestic or family violence laws



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Dating Violence:

Violence between those in an intimate relationship with one another. Committed by:

- A. Person who is or has been in social relationship of romantic or intimate nature with victim, AND
- B. Existence of relationship is determined by considering:
 - i. Length of relationship
 - ii. Type of relationship
 - iii. Frequency of interactions



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Stalking: A course of conduct directed at a specific person that is unwelcome and would cause a reasonable person to

- A. feel fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or
- B. suffer substantial emotional distress.

*Stalker need not know actions are unwanted.
Stalking is often precursor to violence.*