

STALKING PROTECTION ORDERS (SPOs)

STALKING

Remember the mnemonic **FOUR**

Behaviour is:

Fixated

Obsessive

Unwanted

Repeated

EXAMPLE BEHAVIOURS

Excessive phone / online contact

Researching someone online

Following someone

Loitering near home/work addresses

Tracking devices / remote surveillance

Unwanted gifts

WHAT ARE SPOs?

Introduced 20/01/2020 under the Stalking Protection Act (2019).

Wider scope than Non-Molestation / Restraining Orders

Police make a civil application to Magistrates' Court. Court must be persuaded:

- Defendant has carried out *acts associated with stalking*;
- Poses a *risk associated with stalking to another person*; AND
- Making the Order is *necessary* to protect that OR another person from such a risk.

EXAMPLE CONDITIONS

Prohibitive, e.g.:

- Non-contact with victim
- Not to go to certain locations
- Not to make vexatious complaints about the victim

Requirements, e.g.:

- Surrender phone & passcode to police
- Notify police of new relationships
- Notify new partners of SPO

ANY suspected new offences should immediately be brought to police attention via 101/999.

If you believe a perpetrator may be suitable for consideration for a SPO, please discuss with your local SIU (DA cases) or CID (non-DA cases) via 101.

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