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Anti-Stalking Program, Lethbridge Domestic Violence Action Team (DVAT)

Theme: Accessible and Responsive Legal and Justice Systems

The goal of the Lethbridge Domestic Violence Action Team's anti-stalking program is to raise awareness about stalking and most importantly, to assist victims. Program Coordinator and retired Lethbridge Regional Police Inspector, Bill Kaye, says victims will learn about safety and how to preserve evidence which will aid police in criminal proceedings. Kaye says stalking is an extension of domestic violence and in most cases, victims are stalked by someone they know. He also says it's an under-reported crime in Lethbridge and is often a pre-cursor to violent acts.

Critical Elements

- The program teaching victims about stalking and how to collect evidence so that it is not destroyed and can be used in court.
- Helps victims understand the requirements of the justice system with respect to stalking; how to talk to police using the language that can be understood in the system.
- The program coordinator also delivers many public education sessions with other community service providers, so that they can support their clients who are experiencing stalking or know where to refer them.
- The ultimate goal of the program is to increase reporting of stalking and to get the stalkers charged.