16 Days of Action 2024: Stalking and Harassment

The 16 Days of Action is an international campaign to raise awareness of issues around violence against women and girls. It runs from 25th November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to the 10th December (Human Rights Day). [You can read more about the campaign on the UN website.](https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/unite/theme?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIqMzivrfFiQMVqJNQBh2ciwh-EAAYASAAEgIFJPD_BwE)

This year, the local theme (Wiltshire and Swindon) for the 16 Days of Action campaign is stalking and harassment. The central webpage for the local campaign is hosted on the OPCC website here: [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/16-days-of-action](https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/16-days-of-action)

You can read about ‘what is stalking?’ on the Wiltshire Police website here: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/sh/stalking-harassment/what-is-stalking-harassment/>

Some useful resources for schools

* **Wiltshire Police awareness raising video ‘Stalking: Life isn't like the movies':** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLbnQgsyS5E>
* **Suzy Lamplugh Trust posters for schools:** <https://www.suzylamplugh.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=d4309103-1193-4f34-a7d4-918aa0e21e2b>
* **Alice Ruggles Trust information leaflets:** <https://alicerugglestrust.org/info-leaflets/>
* **Alice Ruggles Trust ‘That’s Stalking’ video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIlxOwu3zbo>
* **Alice Ruggles Trust school assembly:** <https://alicerugglestrust.org/assemblies/>
* **Alice Ruggles Trust Relationship Safety Resource (PSHE lessons):** <https://alicerugglestrust.org/relationship-safety-resource/>

Local support services

If you or anyone you know is affected by stalking, harassment or domestic abuse, support is available.

[FearFree](https://www.fearfree.org.uk/) (Wiltshire) and [Swindon Paragon Integrated Domestic Abuse Service](https://paragonteam.org.uk/teams/swindon/) (Swindon) provide specialist support for adult victim/survivors, children and young people and people wanting to change their behaviour:

* To contact FearFree, call 0122 577 5276 or email [spa@fearfree.org.uk](mailto:spa@fearfree.org.uk)
* To contact Swindon Paragon Integrated Domestic Abuse Service, call 0800 917 8565 or email [ParagonSwindon@theyoutrust.org.uk](mailto:ParagonSwindon@theyoutrust.org.uk)

Contact Wiltshire Police to report stalking, harassment and domestic abuse, or to ask for advice around any of these issues:

* Visit [their website](https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/)
* Call 101 in a non-emergency
* Always call 999 in an emergency

Contact Crimestoppers to anonymously report a crime or suspicious behaviour:

* Call 0800 555 111
* Visit [their website](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/)