

PRE-ATTACK INDICATORS

RECOGNIZE THE BEHAVIORS BEFORE THEY ATTACK.

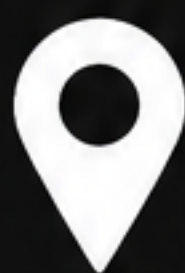
Predators often communicate their intentions before they attack. These behaviors are common, subtle, and often happen in combination. The sooner you recognize them, the more options you have.



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TARGETING BEHAVIOR

Prolonged or repeated staring, scanning you up and down, watching your movements, positioning themselves in your path, showing unusual interest, picking you out and tracking you.



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POSITIONING

Getting closer without reason, mirroring your movements, blocking your path, cutting you off, staying in your blind spot, using the environment to isolate you.



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ENGAGEMENT

Attempting to start a conversation, asking intrusive personal questions, using flattery, compliments or false empathy, testing boundaries with humor, ignoring short or closed responses, trying to get you to explain or justify.



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BOUNDARY TESTING

Invasion of personal space, unwanted physical contact, standing too close, blocking movement, “accidental” touching, ignoring your nonverbal cues, pushing past a clear “no.”



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ENVIRONMENTAL

Trying to isolate you, redirecting you to a different location, suggesting a private or less populated area, creating distractions, using a vehicle, removing others from the area.



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OBSERVATION

Noticing when you’re alone, paying attention to routines, watching who you’re with, looking for vulnerabilities, using a phone to watch, record or communicate, checking for security or witnesses.



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DECEPTION

Hiding their true intentions, using a friendly or professional front, pretending to need help, claiming authority, using a fake story or urgency, changing behavior when confronted.



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ESCALATION SIGNALS

Becoming more persistent, increasing aggression or intensity, disregarding your boundaries, showing frustration or irritation, attempting to control the situation, moving from verbal to physical, reducing distance quickly.