

Austria - Stalking

In Austria, stalking is defined as “persistent persecution”. Criminal law distinguishes four types of stalking, for each of them imprisonment up to one year can be imposed: a) trying to come close to the victim, b) contacting the victim by repeated letters, phone calls, emails, or SMS, c) ordering goods or services for the victim using her/his personal data and d) make other persons contact the victim using the victim’s personal data.

Legal provisions on protection orders

Interim injunctions can be applied on the victim’s request under civil law (EO, Section 382g, Paragraph 1). The police is obliged to inform intervention centres on stalking cases who in return offer protection for the victims.

Legal Source

Criminal Code, Section 107a