

## Italy - Stalking

Any "continuative harassing, threatening or persecuting behaviour which: (1) causes a state of anxiety and fear in the victim(s), or; (2) ingenerates within the victim(s) a motivated fear for his/her own safety or for the safety of relatives, kin, or others associated with the victim him/herself by an affective relationship, or; (3), forces the victim(s) to change his/her living habits".

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### Legal Source

Law 23 April 2009 and Criminal Code,612bis

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### Observations

In February 2009, Italy adopted an Anti-Stalking Law making it a criminal offence, punishable with imprisonment ranging from six months up to four years.