

STALK VICTIMS

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ENSURE STALK VICTIMS ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED

Each year scores of female stalk victims and women fleeing domestic violence are brutally murdered by male stalkers in Australia despite anti-stalking laws and restraining orders, thus much more needs to be done to help protect them.

The rich can afford to live in high security fortresses and hire armed guards to protect themselves and dependents, which are not options available to most women, many of whom are unable to call police during an attack.

Hence the need to ensure that vulnerable women at high risk of being murdered by stalkers and former partners are provided with a security guard if they cannot afford to hire one until the threat passes or they can protect themselves.

It is not just themselves that these women have to worry about, as there have been many instances of men killing these women's children, as occurred with Hannah Clarke.

Most murdered victims are women, killed by bigger and stronger males, including Jasmeen Kaur who was kidnapped and buried alive by a former partner who was issued a 'stalking warning' by police. A piece of paper like the restraining orders obtained by countless murdered stalk victims.

Women who cannot afford a security guard and are incapable of defending themselves are rightly provided with a state funded security guard, while those capable of defending themselves with a practical defensive weapon must be allowed to obtain a non-occupational security guard licence so they can safely carry such a weapon and are not dependent on others for their safety.



Jasmeen Kaur, who was buried alive.

Attack and Injury Rates in Assault & Robbery Incidents

method of protection	attacked	injured
firearm	23.2%	12.1%
non-violent resistance	40.0%	25.5%
no defence	39.9%	27.3%
knife	46.4%	29.5%
tried to get help or frighten offender	55.2%	40.1%
physical force	82.8%	52.1%

Source: *Point Blank*

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. Female stalk victims and women fleeing domestic violence are at high risk of being murdered.
2. Lower class women are disproportionately impacted as they lack the resources needed to ensure their safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Provide vulnerable victims with an armed guard until the threat passes or they are able to defend themselves.
2. Empower vulnerable women by helping them obtain a non-occupational security guard licence so they can safely possess the practical means with which to protect themselves and dependents under their care.

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Hannah Clarke and her children, Aaliyah, Laianah and Trey, were burned to death.

