

8 steps to becoming the perfect **STALKER**

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"stalkee"— is worth it. This means that the person cannot just be attractive, they have to be *really* attractive! Remember, the person that you stalk is a direct reflection of yourself, so make a good selection.

name like Qu'on or Barbie you'll probably be lucky enough to have only one name on your list, but if you like someone with a more common name like Dan or Kelly, your work is not done. Keep your eyes and ears open for any other information about that person. Their last name, the name of the city or state they are from, the dorm they live in, their class, and their mailbox number can all be helpful in narrowing down the list to one name. If you're having trouble learning this info, let your buds in on your secret crush. They might be able to help. After all, ten ears are better than two! Once you know this extra info, look up all the names on the list in the phone book. You should only end up with one name that matches all the info.

At the brink of the new millennium, it's time to admit something to ourselves: there's no such thing as fate. You don't meet the perfect person by chance, you meet the perfect person with a lot of careful planning and time. All you have to learn are a few key stalking techniques, and meeting the perfect person will be a snap!

1. Finding the right person to stalk:

This is the most important step. Stalking takes a lot of time and energy, so make sure that the person you choose to stalk— your

2. Find out at least their first name:

Finding out their first name should not be too hard, just pay attention when people say "Hi" to them. If they are cool enough to stalk, they should have lots of friends. If not, they might be a tool, and you should go back to step one and find someone who is either better looking or more popular! Once you know their first name, you can use e-mail to find a list of people with that first name. Type "who" and the name at the prompt.

3. Narrowing down the list:

If your stalkee has an unusual

4. Using the phone book to the full potential:

Now that you have a name, you can use the phone book to find out exactly where they live and their phone number. If you have a friend in that dorm, start visiting that friend more, casually walking

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by your stalkee's door each time. If you can't tell if they have a roommate or not, look through the phone book to see if anyone else has the same extension. And don't freak about calling them and hanging up. You know that they don't have caller id, so this is a good way to get to know their voice. You can tell a lot about a person from their voice!

5. Advanced stalking techniques:

If you want to know more about your stalkee, you have to have contacts who have access to more confidential information. For example, if you have friends at the Student Records office, they can get you your stalkee's schedule, current GPA, major, minors or concentrations, and most important, their birthday. Why continue stalking them if you are a Pisces and they are a Libra? You'd obviously be headed for disaster anyway!

6. Seeing that person more:

If you are not lucky enough to already know their whole schedule, it will take some more work. Don't stress though; we don't all have friends in the Student Records office! There are other ways to get a person's schedule. Sit in Tilton Hall in a place that has a good view of the

stairs for a week (making sure to bring some upbeat tunes and a low-fat snack). Mark down the time(s) that person came in every day. Anyone who's anyone checks their mail at least once a day. You should see a pattern emerge. If you cannot find a pattern yourself, let your best science or math bud look at it— they should be able to help you out. This pattern will most likely be when that person is on their way to or from class, baseball practice, lunch, etc. Now that you know their mail-checking schedule, you can try to make yourself more noticeable by showing up every time they check their mail!

7. Scheduling conflicts:

Oh no! You have Intro to Art History when they check their mail on Thursdays. Your 'rents will totally freak if you fail a class. Now what? Well, you can also find a schedule of when they check their e-mail. Once you learn that schedule, you can check the computer labs and

the library to see where their fave place to check e-mail is. Now on Thursdays you can see them at the library instead of in the UC!

8. What if you still need more info on the person?

Now that you know their mail checking schedule and their box number, you can peek on their box to see how much mail they get. If you get curious as to what their mail says, try opening their box. At least 35 percent of the campus does not lock their box, so you might be able to snag a few juicy letters from their buds. It may be illegal, but remember: the object of your stalking should be worth at least that much!

You now have all of the tools necessary to be a successful stalker. Once you make your life revolve around theirs by showing up everywhere they go, they will eventually begin to notice you. If you run into them at Kappa Phi, they might recognize you and decide that you are the one for them! They might think it's fate, but only you and your five closest friends will know that it had been a plan that you were working on for the past three years!

