

## **Threatening Behavior**

The following podcast is provided by the UCF office of Emergency Management, which strives to protect the wellbeing of UCF students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Threatening behavior can be defined as any physical or verbal act, threat, or assault that can cause physical or emotional damage to another person. Some common things to look for in an individual exhibiting threatening behavior include:

- Hyper activity

- Alcohol or drug abuse

- Depression

- Isolation

Stalking is a prime example of a threatening behavior. Following a person, appearing at a person's home or work place, making harassing phone calls, leaving threatening messages, and vandalizing personal property are all examples of stalking.

The UCF Police Department has created a program called SPOC (Suspicious Person on Campus). Its purpose is to help report individuals displaying unusual behavior or someone who possibly possess a threat to the University community. To report someone contact the UCF Police Department at (407) 823-5555. Also, if you feel threatened or unsafe on campus at night and you would like an escort to your car or your dorm room, contact the Safety Escort Patrol Service or SEPS at (407) 823-2424. This is a free service provided by the UCF Police Department to all students, faculty, and staff.