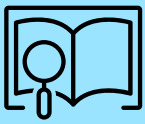
Recommendations for PRIVACY REGULATORS

1 **Establish Clear Definitions and Regulations for Stalkerware**

Create precise and comprehensive definitions of stalkerware within privacy regulations to ensure effective identification and appropriate handling of these apps.



2 **Engage with App Stores and Device Manufacturers**

Collaborate closely with app stores and device manufacturers to identify and remove stalkerware apps and features from their platforms and devices.

3 **Conduct Audits and Investigations in Collaboration with Technology Companies**

Regularly audit and investigate app stores to identify apps exhibiting stalkerware behavior and address any privacy violations. Additionally, conduct regular audits of anti-stalkerware solutions and IPV-victim support websites.

4 **Implement Effective Reporting Mechanisms**

Create accessible channels for reporting stalkerware incidents to law enforcement and relevant authorities for prompt and appropriate action.

5 **Enforce Strict Penalties**

Ensure severe penalties are imposed on individuals or entities involved in the development, distribution, or use of stalkerware for malicious purposes.

6 **Raise Awareness through Education Campaigns**

Launch public awareness initiatives to educate individuals about the risks of stalkerware and empower them to detect and protect against such intrusive apps.

7 **Facilitate International Cooperation**

Encourage collaboration among countries to tackle cross-border challenges related to stalkerware due to its potential use across various jurisdictions.

8 **Support Research and Innovation**

Allocate resources to support research and innovation in the field of privacy and security specifically related to IPV and stalkerware.

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