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A Community Response

DEFINITIONS + FACTS

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BULLYING happens when someone is subjected to negative actions from one or more people and has a hard time defending him or herself.

Bullying takes various forms:

TEASING, TAUNTING OR VERBAL ABUSE

PUNCHING, SHOVING AND PHYSICAL ACTS

SPREADING RUMORS

GANGING UP ON OTHERS

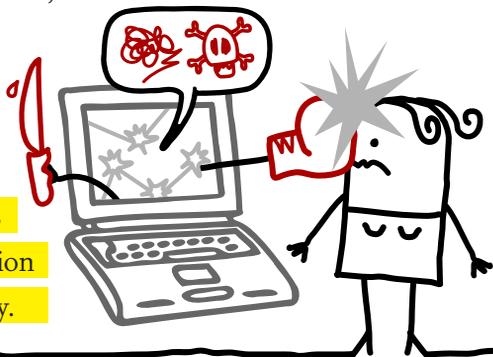
EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM A GROUP

CYBERBULLYING is when children or teens use the Internet, mobile phones or other electronic devices to bully. It can include:

- ✓ Sending mean or threatening text, email or instant messages
- ✓ Posting damaging pictures or hurtful messages online
- ✓ Spreading rumors or lies about someone
- ✓ Using someone else's user name to spread rumors or lies
- ✓ Tricking someone into revealing personal information and sending it to others
- ✓ Creating websites to make fun of someone
- ✓ Using websites to rate peers as ugliest, etc.

SEXTING can be a form of cyberbullying if the recipient forwards it to others. This can

result in legal action if the authorities deem the content to meet the definition and distribution of child pornography.





NEARLY 1 IN 3 STUDENTS IS INVOLVED IN BULLYING.

It's estimated that nearly 30%—or 5.7 million children—are involved in bullying, as victims, perpetrators or both. **A study in Britain found that at least half of suicides among young people are related to bullying.**

Source: ©2009 Bullying Statistics - Stop Bullying, Harassment, and Violence
<http://www.bullyingstatistics.org/content/bullying-and-suicide.html>

WHILE SCHOOL VIOLENCE AS A WHOLE IS DECLINING, BULLYING BEHAVIORS HAVE INCREASED BY 5%.

In 2009, surveys showed more than 100,000 children carried guns to school as a result of being bullied.

KIDS WHO ARE OBESE, GAY OR HAVE DISABILITIES ARE UP TO 63% MORE LIKELY TO BE BULLIED THAN OTHER CHILDREN.

BOYS AND GIRLS GET BULLIED IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

The most frequent type of bullying experienced by both boys and girls is verbal bullying. Boys are far more likely to be hit, slapped, pushed or exposed to other types of physical bullying. Girls are at higher risk for being socially excluded, having rumors spread about them or being targeted with sexual comments—social networking is used to cyberbully.