



Bullying in Today's World Webinar

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Webinar Objectives

- Distinguish types of bullying in “today’s world”
- Where to find anti-bullying laws in your state
- Identify disability harassment
- Highlight strategies and resources that can be used to address disability harassment
- Increase awareness of risks of the virtual world
- Identify resources and tactics to help protect kids online
- Resources to spot and stop bullying

Bullying exists in two worlds...

1. Physical World
2. Virtual World (online)

Bullying in the Physical World

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What is Bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children. It involves a real or perceived power imbalance and the behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

Both kids who are bullied and kids who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

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Are you familiar with the anti-bully laws in your state?

Bullying and Children and Youth with Disabilities and Special Health Needs

Kids with special health needs, such as a bleeding disorder, are at a greater risk of being bullied.



Office for Civil Rights & the Department of Justice

Bullying may be considered harassment when it is based on a student's race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability.

“Disability Harassment”

- Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on a disability
- Prohibited under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation of Act

What Parents Can Do

- Be aware of signs of bullying
- Be supportive
- Speak with your child's school
- Ask for a prompt response
- Keep written records
- Ask for an IEP or section 504 meeting
- Seek additional support



Founded in 2006, PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center educates communities nationwide to address bullying through creative, relevant and interactive resources. PACER's bullying prevention resources are designed to benefit all students, including students with disabilities.

Bullying in the Virtual World

What kids do online.....

- Socialize
- Share pictures and videos
- Build online profiles
- Create avatars

Risks

- Inappropriate Conduct
- Inappropriate Contact
- Inappropriate Content

58% of students admit to using the internet unsafely, inappropriately, or illegally.

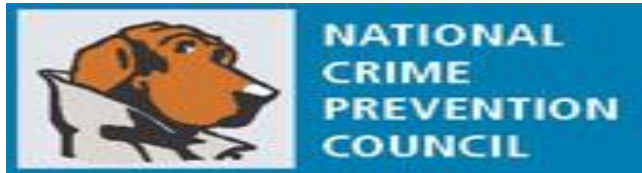
55% of students report having given out personal information to someone they have only met online.

Talk to kids about being online

- Start early
- Create an honest, open environment
- Initiate conversations
- Communicate your values

When bullying happens online

- Encourage kids to tell you if an online message or image makes them feel threatened or hurt
- Tell your kids they can't hide behind what they post



What is Cyber Bullying?

Cyber bullying is using the internet, cell phones, or other technology to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person.



According to cyber law experts....

"40 percent of high school students have been cyber bullied while in high school, and that the figure is nearly double among middle school students."

If your kid has a problem with a bully, don't react to the bully.

- Encourage your kid to talk with you
- Save the evidence
- Block the bully online
- Have any bogus profiles taken down

Encourage your kid to help stop cyber bullying by not passing on other messages and telling the bully to stop.



Teach your kids to.....

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Share with Care:

- Your online actions can have real-world consequences
- What you post could have a bigger “audience” than you think
- Once you post information online, you can’t take it back
- Get someone’s okay before sharing photos or videos

Interact with Tact:

- Politeness counts
- Don’t impersonate
- Speak up
- Don’t stand for bullying – online or offline



Additional Resources:

NetSmartz.org

Safekids.com

ConnectSafely.org

WiredSafety.org

CyberBullying411.org

[Facebook.com/safety](https://www.facebook.com/safety)

OnGuardOnline.gov



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The End of Bullying Begins with You.

Creating a network of Dads who educate, support and challenge each other