

CYBERBULLYING

What is Cyberbullying?

- It is the use of electronic information and communication devices to bully an individual or group through personal attacks or other means.
- It is willful, deliberate and repeated harassment inflicted through the medium of electronic text and media to inflict harm or fear
- It is about ...
 - Power
 - Control
 - Human Relationships

Types of Cyberbullying:

- “Flaming”: Online fights using electronic messages with angry and vulgar language
- “Harassment”: Repeatedly sending offensive, rude, and insulting messages
- “Cyber stalking”: Repeatedly sending messages that include threats of harm or are highly intimidating. Engaging in other on-line activities that make a person afraid for his or her own safety
- “Denigration”: ‘Dissing’ someone online. Sending or posting cruel gossip or rumors about a person to damage his or her reputation or friendships
- “Impersonation”: Pretending to be someone else and sending or posting material online that makes that person look bad, gets that person in trouble or danger, or damages that person’s reputation or friendships
- “Outing and Trickery”: Sharing someone’s secret or embarrassing information online. Tricking someone into revealing secrets or embarrassing information which is then shared online
- “Exclusion”: Intentionally excluding someone from an on-line group, like a ‘buddy list’

Cyberbully Roles:

~Cyberbullies

- Entitlement bullies: “Put downers.” Individuals who think they are superior and the right to harass or demean others especially if the person is different.
- Retaliators: Individuals who are “get-backers”. They have been bullied by others and are using the internet to retaliate.

~Targets

- Targets of entitlement bullies: individuals who get picked on because bullies think they are different or inferior.
- Victims of retaliators: Usually individuals who have been bullying, but are now receiving the cruelty

~Bystanders

- Bystanders who are part of the problem: Individuals who encourage and support the bully or who watch the bullying from the sidelines but do nothing to help the victim.
- Bystanders who are part of the solution: Individuals who seek to stop the bullying, protest it, and provide support to the victim.

Know the Computer Lingo:

www.lingo2word.com

www.teenchatdecoder.com

Sites that contain web safety tips:

www.safeteens.com

www.protectkids.com