

## Cyber Bullying

In the old days people used to pick and tease each other. High school seniors bullied the freshmen. Now it has gone worse. People are bullying each other on the Internet. That is considered as cyber bullying. The dictionary definition of cyber bullying is involving the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior. Now that we are in the 20th century technology is getting more and more powerful. Children are using Facebook, Twitter, email, and other websites. Now cyber bullying is happening on these websites. It needs to stop and it needs to stop now!

If you think kids don't get bullied enough in school, they get bullied more on the Internet. Data shows nearly 45% of kids have been bullied online. 1 out of every 4 kids had it happen to them more than once. About 70% of students have report seeing this more than once. Teens make it more common for cyber bullying because more than 80% of teens use cellphones and have Facebook or Twitter. Nearly 65% of teens agree cyber bullying is a very serious problem. Around 81% of teens think bullying online is easier to get away with than bullying in person. Only 1 in 10 victims will inform a parent or trusted adult of their abuse. Girls are about twice as likely as boys to be victims and perpetrators of cyber bullying. About 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online. More than 4 out 10 say it has happened more than once. Approximately 75% have visited a website bashing another student. Bullying victims are 2 to 9 times more likely to consider committing suicide. This is one of the many reasons why cyber bullying needs to stop.

Suicide is weakness and cowardness. It is in the top five common sources of death in the whole world. Jessica Laney a 16 year old girl hung herself on December 9, 2012 after being bullied on Ask.com. Amanda Todd, the 15-year-old Canadian teenager whose suicide in the month of October 2012 provoked a flood of sympathetic outrage, endured one torment after another in the years leading up to her death: sexual exploitation online, cyber bullying, and a physical assault at school. The number of people committing suicide has gone up over the past few years. Usually kids from ages 10-19 commit suicide because of cyber bullying. Tyler Clementi a Rutgers College student committed suicide after being cyber bullied by his roommate. A personal video of him was posted on the web. That might have been the reason he committed suicide on the George Washington Bridge.

There are many ways you can stop cyber bullying. You should not respond when someone is bullying you. Don't try to get back at the bully who made fun of you. Save the evidence so you will have proof when you tell an adult. You should block the bully from your profile and etc. on websites like Facebook. Don't be rude like a bully, be civil and stay calm even if you don't like someone. Try to be a friend. Don't try to bully people for your amusement or attention. I won't work. Lastly tell an adult if someone is bullying you or if you see someone being bullied. Stand up for yourself and the other victims.

In conclusion cyber bullying is a very serious matter and it is against the law. People commit suicide because of cyber bullying. Suicide is one of the top five causes for death in the world. Cyber bullying happens on websites like Facebook and Twitter. It even happens when people are texting each other. You should keep the evidence so you can show it to an adult. Never bully anyone and if you are being bullied just ignore the person bullying you then tell an adult. If you bully someone you will be in big trouble so don't bully. Cyber bullying needs to stop now!