Cyber Bullying

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Step Forward If...

You have ever said something you didn't mean to say...

You have ever hurt someone else feelings, by accident or on purpose...

You have ever put something on the internet, emailed, or texted something you wish you could have taken back... You have ever seen someone bully someone else, and did not help to stop it...

You have ever been the victim of bullying...

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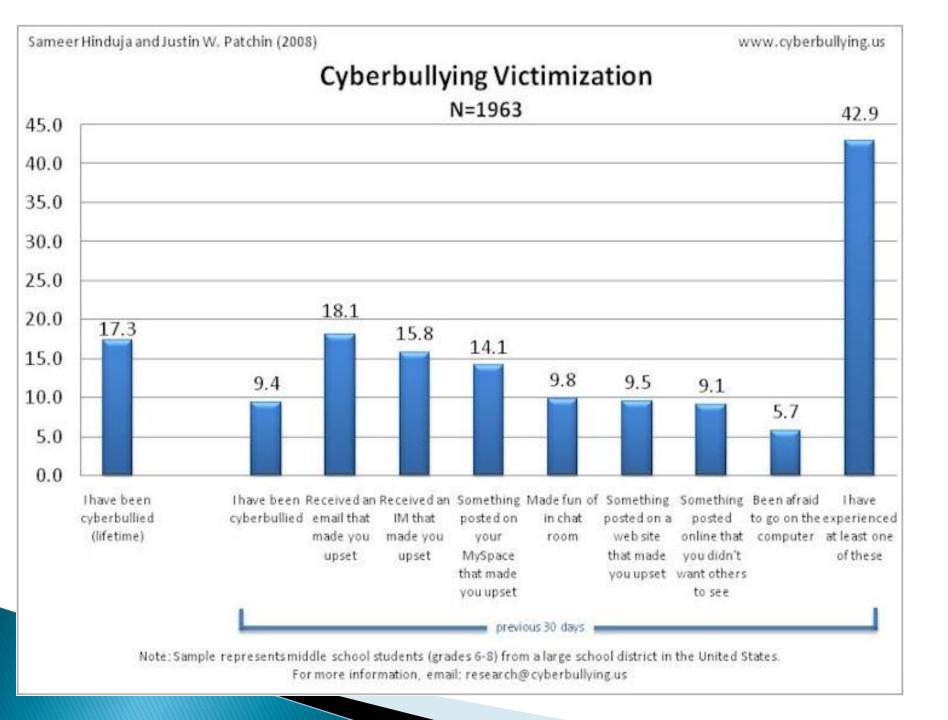
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Bullying Statistics

- 42% of kids have been bullied online. 1 in 4 have had it happen more than once.
- 35% of kids have been threatened online. 1 in 5 have had it happen more than once.
- 21% of kids have received mean or threatening emails or other messages.
- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online. More than 4 out of 10 say it has happened more than once.
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online. More than 1 in 3 have done it more than once.
- 58% have not told their parents or an adult about something mean or hurtful that happened to them online.

Cyber Bullying Includes but is not limited too...

- Pretending to be other people online to trick others.
- Spreading lies and rumors about people via online. (text, facebook, messages, e-mail, etc.)
- Tricking people into revealing personal information.
- Sending or forwarding mean text messages.
- Posting pictures of others without their consent.



Why do it...

- You don't think it's a big deal
- You don't think about the consequences
- You are encouraged by friends
- You think everybody cyberbullies
- You think you won't get caught

Positive Ways to React

- Block communication with the cyberbully
- Delete messages without reading them
- Talk to a friend about the bullying
- Report the problem to an Adult or the Police

Negative Ways to React

- Seek revenge on the bully
- Avoid friends and activities
- Cyberbully back

Prevention

- Refuse to pass along cyberbullying messages
- Tell friends to stop cyberbullying
- Block communication with cyberbullies
- Report cyberbullying to a trusted adult
- Speak with other students and teachers to develop rules against cyberbullying
- Raise awareness in your community

Stay Safe

- Never post or share your personal information online (full name, address, telephone number, school name, parents' names, credit card number, or Social Security number) or your friends' personal information.
- Never share your Internet passwords with anyone, except your parents.
- Never meet anyone face-to-face whom you only met online.
- Talk to parents/adults about what you do online.

Cyber Bullying - Its Against The Law

- Cyber Bullying can be a criminal offense
- Because of the new law, bullying is a crime
- Its prohibited at school, on school grounds, at school sponsored events, and through electronic communication
- If it is off school grounds and not linked to the school, it automatically becomes a criminal case

The Law

- Bullying is a repeated act that causes physical or emotional harm, creates fear of harm, or an unwelcoming hostile environment at school for another person
- Everyone working in the school building has to have training now, from the janitor to the principal

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"Cyber-bullying", bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo electronic or photo optical system, including, but not limited to, electronic mail, internet communications, instant messages or facsimile communications. Cyber-bullying shall also include (i) the creation of a web page or blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or (ii) the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages, if the creation or impersonation creates any of the conditions enumerated in clauses (i) to (v), inclusive, of the definition of bullying. Cyber-bullying shall also include the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons, if the distribution or posting creates any of the conditions enumerated in clauses (i) to (v), inclusive, of the definition of bullying.

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