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What is Cyber Bullying?



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- Being cruel to others by sending or posting harmful material using technological means
- An individual or group that uses information and communication involving
- Electronic technologies to facilitate deliberate and repeated harassment or threat to an individual or group.

Also known as; “Electronic Bullying” and “Online social Cruelty”

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Insecure

Cyberbullying

Product of victim mentality

“Ask any bully, and they will tell you that they are the victim.” - Lezley Holmes, psychologist, San Juan School District, Carmichael, California



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Cyberbullying Consequences

- **Suspension or expulsion (ED. 49800)**
- **Civil Liability**
- **Protective Court Orders**
- **Harassing or Annoying Communication (misd 653m PC)**
- **Felony Terrorist Threats (422 PC)**
- **Felony hate crime prosecution**

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Source: Placer County Sheriff

Cyber limits and the law



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Intervention for Cyber Bullying



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- 1-Save the evidence
- 2-Conduct a threat assessment {if cyber bullying poses substantial disruption, violence or suicide concerns; contact law enforcement if threats of violence}
- 3-Assess response options {direct school nexus may warrant school disciplinary action; if off campus and not substantial threat, no disciplinary action but help victim}
- 4-Identify the Perpetrators {technical assistance; assess validity of person's identity; offer technical assistance to parents}
- 5-Support the victim {even if no disciplinary action, offer support and assistance to victim and parents; offer counseling mediation, technical assistance; direct to community resources}
- 6-Provide guidance on how to remove the speech
- 7-Seek to use informal resolution strategies {contact perpetrator parents, offer assistance, suggest legal consultation; offer counseling, mediation in school; recognize the cyber bully is a hurt kid and try to help both victim and perpetrator}