

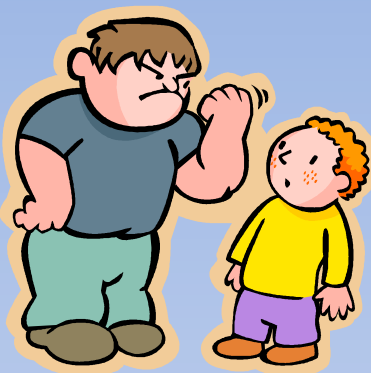
BULLYING



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What do you recognize?





WHAT IS BULLYING?

- Bullying is an intentional act that physically or emotionally harms another person.
- Bullying is a form of abuse.
- It is repeated acts over time that involve a real or perceived imbalance of power with the more powerful individual or group abusing those who are less powerful.
- The power imbalance may be social power and/or physical power.

South Carolina State Law:

SAFE SCHOOLS CLIMATE ACT Section 59-63-120



As used in this article:

- 1) **"Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means a gesture, an electronic communication, or a written, verbal, physical, or sexual act that is reasonably perceived to have the effect of:**
 - (a) **harming a student physically or emotionally or damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage; or**
 - (b) **insulting or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.**

What does bullying look like?



1. PHYSICAL BULLYING

includes any physical contact that would hurt or injure a person like *hitting, kicking, slapping, or punching*. Taking something that belongs to someone else and destroying it would also be considered a type of physical bullying.



2. VERBAL BULLYING

is name-calling, making offensive remarks, or joking about a person's religion, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, appearance, or other characteristic.



3. INDIRECT BULLYING

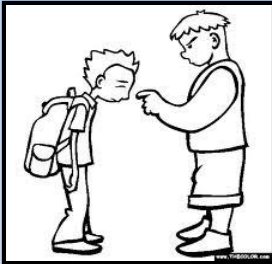
includes starting/spreading rumors or stories about someone or telling others about something that was told to you in private

What does bullying look like?



4. SOCIAL ALIENATION

excluding someone from a group on purpose



5. INTIMIDATION

threatening someone, scaring someone into making them do what you want



6. CYBERBULLYING

sending electronic communication (e-mail, text, IM, Facebook) that is intended to threaten, scare, or harass

Can you recognize bullying?

Since the beginning of the school year, Max always confronts Kevin in class and demands that Kevin give him money for lunch. Since Max is a lot bigger than Kevin, Kevin gives him the money. Kevin does not want to get beat up.

Physical bullying

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Can you recognize bullying?

Candice sits near Brandi in math class. Everyday, Brandi says mean and offensive things to Candice just loud enough so that other students can hear but the teacher cannot. All the students laugh and no one informs the teacher. She calls Candice ugly, poor and constantly makes fun of her clothes.

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Can you recognize bullying?

William has received numerous threatening text messages from Chris, a boy in his science class. William is scared to tell anyone about the messages but feels that Chris is going to eventually carry out his threats. He has now been receiving threats on Twitter, Instagram and Kik as well.

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Can you recognize bullying?

Keith and Greg share the same ELA class. Keith sits directly in front of Greg and for several weeks now, Keith has been constantly slapped in the back of the head by Greg. Greg thinks it's funny and all the other students laugh. Greg also takes things from Keith's backpack without permission and destroyed Keith's art project.



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Can you recognize bullying?

Sarah is mad at Trina for not inviting her to her birthday party. For several days, Sarah has been posting negative things about Trina on various social media sites and spreading rumors about her that just aren't true. Sarah also told several students something that Trina shared with her in confidence.

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Can you recognize bullying?

Penny is new to Cooper Middle School and is trying to make new friends. In gym class, none of the other girls ever allow Penny to join their group. In art class, Vikki tells Penny to go away and that she will never have any friends at this school. Vikki continues to say that Penny is a loser and should go jump off a bridge.

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How to identify student's who are being bullied?

The painful and humiliating effects of bullying can have serious and sometimes lasting effects on everyone involved. In extreme cases, bullying can lead to violence or even suicide.

Students who are bullied frequently often do not know how to respond. They struggle with name-calling, put-downs, or being excluded.

How to identify student's who are being bullied?

They may:

- Lose confidence and not want to go to school anymore.
- Find it difficult to focus in class and remember what they learn.
- Experience anxiety that causes health concerns such as stomach-aches, headaches, panic attacks, sleeplessness or exhaustion.
- Develop serious concerns like helplessness and depression.

Bullied students may feel...

- **extremely sad**
- **scared and lonely**
- **like running away**
- **like not wanting to go to school**



WHAT IF IT'S NOT ME?

Have YOU ever seen or heard someone being bullied or called a name?

If so, how did it make YOU feel?



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Witness or Bystander



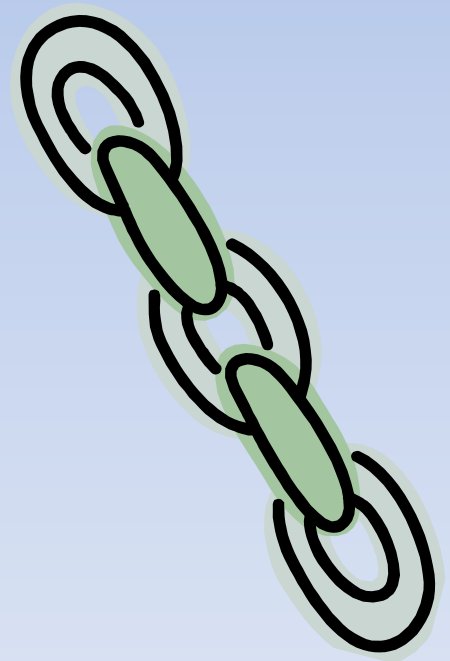
- **Someone who is present but not involved.**
- **A nonparticipating observer**
- **An onlooker**

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Witness or Bystander

We've almost all been a witness or bystander to name-calling or bullying at one point or another.

One witness or bystander might feel powerless to help, but when linked together with other witnesses or bystanders it is easier to "take a stand" against bullying and name-calling!



Options for Dealing with Bullying:

1. “Taking a Stand”

Using words or phrases that interrupt or end the name-calling

2. Asking for help from an adult

3. Ignoring the situation

Questions...

What happens when a witness ignores name-calling or bullying?

Why might someone ignore bullying when they see or hear it?

Although ignoring it is sometimes the easiest way to deal with being a witness to bullying, there are usually other options that don't allow the bullying to continue.

When you say or do nothing about bullying, it allows one or more people to continue to put others down and it perpetuates the act which could eventually lead to violence.

What can I do to help?

As long as you feel safe when you see the bullying happening, you could:

- walk away and tell a teacher right away
- tell the person who is bullying that you will get a teacher if they don't stop
- encourage your friends to walk away or tell the person to stop
- help the person who is being bullied to get away and go somewhere safe.

Laws Related to Bullying

City Code Sec. 14-91 – Disorderly Conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city limits to engage in the following conduct knowing or having reasonable grounds to know that it will tend to **promote** or **provoke a fight, assault or brawl**:

- (1) To utter, while in the presence of others, any lewd or obscene epithets or make any lewd or obscene gestures with his hands or body;
- (2) To use **fighting words** directed towards another;
- (3) To knowingly and willfully engage in any overt physical conduct that interferes with another's pursuit of lawful occupation or activity;



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S.C Statute 16-17-430 Unlawful Communication

(A) It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) use in a telephonic communication or any other electronic means, any words or language of a profane, vulgar, lewd, lascivious, or an indecent nature, or to communicate or convey by telephonic or other electronic means an obscene, vulgar, indecent, profane, suggestive, or immoral message to another person;

(2) threaten in a telephonic communication or any other electronic means an unlawful act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass another person;

(3) telephone or electronically contact another repeatedly, whether or not conversation ensues, for the purpose of annoying or harassing another person or his family;



Laws Related to Bullying

S.C Statute 16-03-600 Assault and Battery

Unlawfully injuring or offering/attempting to injure another person with the present ability to do so.



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S.C. Statute 16-17-420 – Disturbing Schools

It shall be unlawful:

- (1) For any person willfully or unnecessarily
 - (a) to interfere with or to disturb in any way or in any place the students or teachers of any school or college in this State,
 - (b) to loiter about such school or college premises or
 - (c) to act in an obnoxious manner thereon; or

(2) For any person to (a) enter upon any such school or college premises or (b) loiter around the premises, except on business, without the permission of the principal or president in charge.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days.

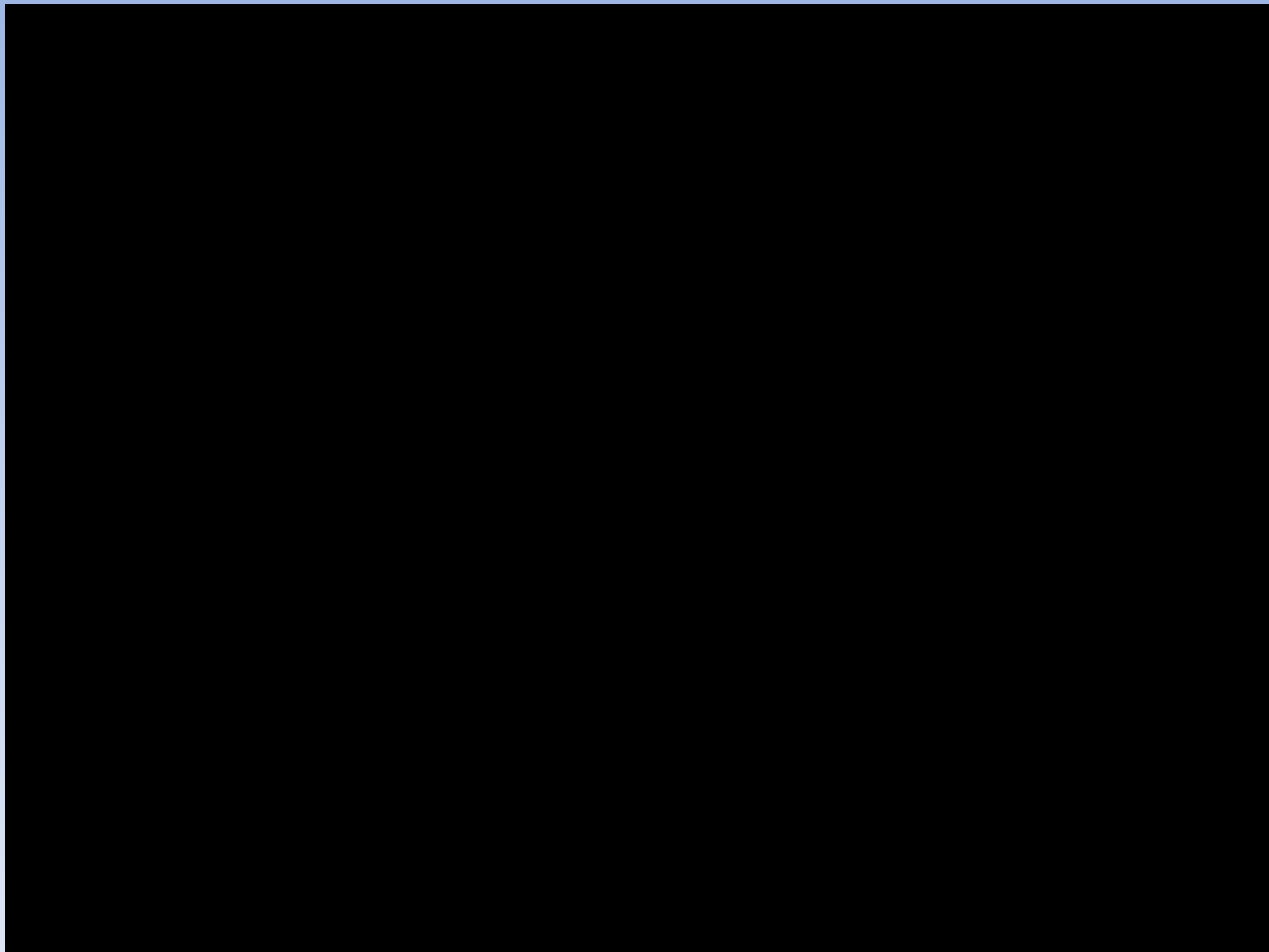




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