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What is bullying?

Bullying means any overt acts by a person or group of people directed against another person or people with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate, or intimidate, the other person.
Bullying in School

The Victim

• Fear of being bullied leads to higher rates of absence and truancy.
• Victims develop a loss of self esteem, depression and isolation.
• As students, victims may be hesitant to take social, intellectual, emotional and vocational risks.
• If the problem persists, victims occasionally feel compelled to take drastic measures, such as vengeance in the forms of fighting back, weapon-carrying or even suicide.
• Grades may suffer because attention is drawn away from learning.
• A victim of bullying may not want to go to school
• A victim of bullying may feel sad and not want to be around friends or family.
What is cyber-bullying?

The willful and repeated harassment and intimidation of a person through the use of digital technologies.
What is Cyber-bullying? Cont.

Children and youth can cyber-bully each other through:

- E-mails,
- Instant messaging systems (e.g. AIM),
- Text messaging,
- Social networking web sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Yik Yak),
- Chat rooms or discussion groups,
- Other information communication technologies
Cyber-bullying Statistics

1. Nearly 43% of kids have been cyber-bullied
2. One in three teens has experienced cyber threats online
3. Four out of ten middle school students have had their passwords stolen and changed by a bully
4. Girls are twice as likely as boys to be victims and perpetrators of cyber bullying
5. 90% of victims will not inform a parent or trusted adult of their abuse. Statistics from dosomething.org
Effects of Cyber-bullying on targets

Cyber-bullying can seem more extreme than other forms of bullying because of several factors:

- It occurs in the child's home.

- It can be harsher.

- It can be far reaching.

- It can be anonymous and seemingly uncontrollable.

- It may seem inescapable.
• For questions or more details, please contact UD Department of Public Safety at 302-831-2222 or visit the website http://www.udel.edu/police/.