

## **Cyber Bullying Prevention Resources**

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Cyber bullying is the use of technology—email, instant messaging, text messaging, personal Web pages such as Myspace or Facebook—to bully, intimidate and harass a person or group of people. The following resources contain sections for parents and educators, and more resources can be found through a Web search.

## **General Resources**

**The "Stop Bullying Now!"** Stop Bullying Now campaign was developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The website has resources for educators, health and safety professionals, parents, children, and the general public.

PACER's National Center for Bullying Prevention <a href="http://pacer.org/bullying/index.asp">http://pacer.org/bullying/index.asp</a> unites, engages, and educates communities nationwide to address bullying through creative, relevant, and interactive resources. PACER sponsors National Bullying Prevention Month each October.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) resources:** <a href="www.fbi-sos.org">www.fbi-sos.org</a> Safe on Line Surfing, a free Internet safety and cyber citizenship program for 3rd through 8th grades and <a href="www.cybertipline.com">www.cybertipline.com</a>, the site for reporting unusual email or internet communication.

Netsmartz: Keeping Kids and Teens Safer on the Internet <a href="http://www.netsmartz.org/netteens.htm">http://www.netsmartz.org/netteens.htm</a> The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has resources on cyber bullying and internet safety for parents and guardians, law enforcement, children and youth.

**Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use** <a href="http://csriu.org/">http://csriu.org/</a> has resources (Cyber Savvy Schools) for teachers, students and parents regarding cyber technology and the prevention of social media abuse.

National Crime Prevention Council's http://www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying cyber bullying section.

**Cyberbullying Research Center**: <a href="http://www.cyberbullying.us/publications.php">http://www.cyberbullying.us/publications.php</a> Web site for researchers from Florida Atlantic University and University of Wisconsin, Eau Clair.

## **Parent/Family Sites**

The Microsoft site Safety and Security Center <a href="http://www.microsoft.com/security/default.aspx">http://www.microsoft.com/security/default.aspx</a> has internet safety tips for parents and families, including a section entitled "Protect my kids from on-line risks."

**GetNetWise** <u>GetNetWise.org</u> is a public service developed by a wide range of Internet industry corporations and public interest organizations.

**i-SAFE** i-SAFE - Internet Safety Education is a non-profit foundation for internet safety education.

**NetSafeKids:** A Resource for Concerned Parents <u>NetSafeKids.org</u> provides practical information and tips on types and sources of sexually explicit content, ways that inappropriate material can reach children and teens, the threat of cyber stalking, and other issues involving Internet safety.

**WiredSafety** <u>WiredSafety.org</u> and <u>WiredKids.org</u> provides help, information and education to Internet and mobile device users of all ages handling cases of cyber abuse ranging from identity theft, online fraud and cyber stalking, to hacking and malicious code attacks. WiredSafety.org is a US charity operating through its volunteers worldwide.

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