

Have you ever been bullied at school, for example, someone has been mean to you, or pushes you around, either physically or verbally? You might even get harassed by your peers (class or schoolmates) or made to do something wrong that you don't want to do. This is called peer pressure.

Has anyone ever been mean to you in email or in Instant message?

If you said yes, then you have been a victim of Cyber Bullying. It means someone has, through the use of a computer or other technological device, given you a hard time and been treating you badly.

If someone you don't know is mean to you in email or SMS, then you should stop being their friend and stop communicating with them. Some Cyber Bullies like to see another person get mad or sad. They will continue communicating with that person because they get what they want from it - a conflict.

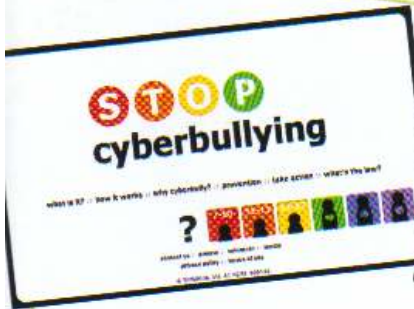
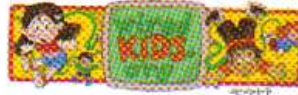
If someone sends you a mean email, instant message, or even an SMS, then stop communicating with them immediately.

To learn more about Cyber Bullying you may want to visit these websites:

For Children

<http://www.wiredkids.org/>

<http://www.unicef.com/standup/index.html>



For your parents

<http://www.stopcyberbullying.org/>

<http://www.cyberbullying.ca/>

http://www.bewebaware.ca/english/safety_tips_8_10.aspx

<http://www.netaalert.net.au/01571-What-can-I-do-about-Cyber-Bullying.asp>

For any questions or comments feel free to write to TIP at: technologyinformationprovider@yahoo.com

If you are at school, tell your teacher. If you are at home, tell your parents. If you are alone, do not respond.

Typically someone who is a cyber bully is someone who does not know how to be a good friend. They want your attention in a bad way and they want you to be bad just like them.

If a good friend suddenly turns against your friendship, you might want to personally ask them why. It's good to know the real reason for any change in your friendship because it helps you to act appropriately (correctly).

Sometimes technology gets in the way of good communication and a friendship.

VOCABULARY BOX

cyberbully

a person who uses the Internet to harass, frighten or threaten someone else

harass

to annoy continuously or create an unpleasant situation from unwelcome verbal or physical conduct

victim

a person cheated, fooled, or harmed by another

device

any electronic or electromechanical machine. The term "device" always refers to hardware

respond

to say something in return

conflict

a clashing or sharp disagreement (as between ideas, interests, or purposes)