

# Cyber-bullying

Which side of the screen do U sit

- Since 1992, there have been 250 violent deaths in schools that involved multiple victims. In virtually every school shooting, bullying has been a factor.” (Bullying Facts, 2004)
- Bullying is a major form of violence in the United States. “Between 15 percent and 30 percent of students are bullies or victims.” (Bullying Facts, 2004)
- Up to 7% of eighth grade students stay at home at least once a month because of bullies.” (Washington, 2001)
- An estimated 160,000 children miss school everyday due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students.” (Bullying Facts, 2004)

# What is Cyber-bullying?

- Cyber-bullying involves the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal Web sites, and defamatory online personal polling Web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others." -[Bill Belsey](#)

How bad is it .....REALLY.....

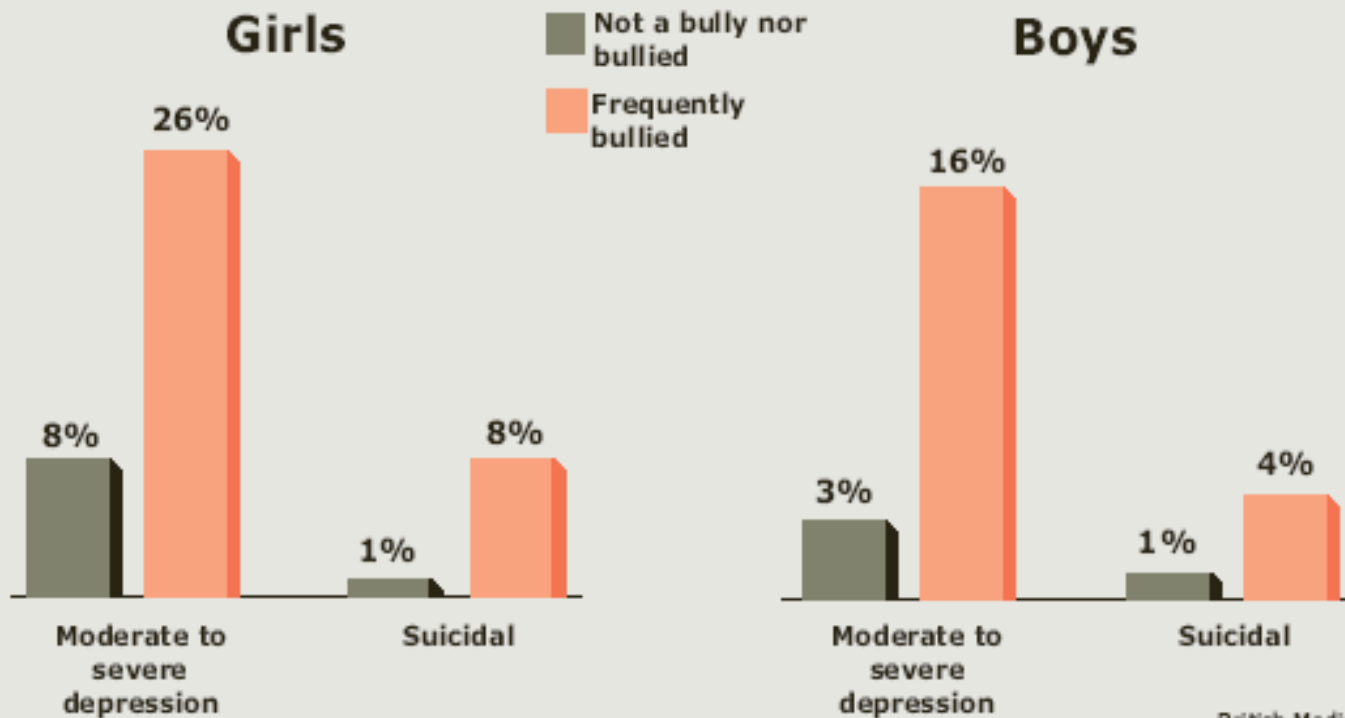
58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online.

53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful things to another online.

42% of kids have been bullied while online.

# Results of Bullying

## Frequently Bullied Kids More Depressed, Suicidal



British Medical Journal

## Yeah; but it's only FUN

- Is it only fun, besides the pain and other problems that result from bullying, you can get arrested.
- Yes, I said arrested.

Approximately 60% of boys described as bullies in grades six to nine had been convicted of at least one crime by the age of 24.” (Olweus, 1999)

## **Florida State Statute 836.10**

### **Written threats to kill or do bodily injury.**

- If any person writes or composes and also sends or procures the sending of any letter or inscribed communication, be signed or anonymous, to any person, containing a threat to kill or to do bodily injury to the person to whom such letter or communication is sent, the person so writing or composing and so sending or procuring the sending of such letter or communication shall be guilty of a felony of the second degree.



## Other Assorted Charges

- Harassing phone calls (misd)
- Battery (misd/felony)
- Assault (misd/felony)

## So what can I do?

- Tell a trusted adult and keep telling them until they take action.
- Never open, read or respond to messages from cyber bullies.
- If it is school related, tell your school. All schools have bullying solutions.
- Do not erase the messages. They may be needed to take action.

- If bullied through chat or IM, the bully can often be blocked.
- If you are threatened with harm, call the police.
- Above all, students are the cure to the cyber bullying epidemic. By speaking out and telling adults they can stop bullying online and
- make the Internet experience a more positive one.

# CLASSROOMS, PLAYGROUNDS AND STREETS

- BULLYING IS NOT JUST A CYBER  
PROBLEM

# ABUSE: another word for Bullying

- Abuse

1: a corrupt practice or custom 2: improper or excessive use or treatment  
3: a deceitful act: deception 4: language that condemns or vilifies usually unjustly, intemperately 5: physical maltreatment

**SOUNDS LIKE BULLYING TO ME**

# Lets call it what it is.....

- 1 out of 4 kids are Bullied. The American Justice Department says that this month 1 out of every 4 kids will be **ABUSED** by another youth.
- Surveys Show That 77% of students are mentally, verbally, & physically **ABUSED**, by bullies.

- 14% of those who were bullied said they experienced severe (bad) reactions to the **ABUSE**.
- As youth you become outraged when you feel that you are being abused or you feel sad or bad when you hear a friend is being abused.....so why do you do it to others?

# Don't look around.....

- Have you ever....
- Pushed, punched, kicked, laughed at, made fun of, stole from, picked on, isolated, tripped, drew pictures of, wrote lists about, made up stories, ignored, lied about, fooled, destroyed property of, embarrassed, where just flat out mean to....anyone



***THEN YOU ARE  
A BULLY, ONE  
WHO ABUSES  
SOMEONE***

# WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF BULLYING

- 100,000 students carry a gun to school.
- 8% of students miss 1 day of class per month for fear of Bullies.
- 282,000 students are physically attacked in secondary schools each month.
- Playground statistics - Every 7 minutes a child is bullied.

# It needs to stop now....but how?

- Adult intervention - 4%.
- Peer intervention - 11%.
- No intervention - 85%.
  
- To start the statistic needs to be reversed, peers and adults need to intervene 100% of the time.

# What can I do?

- **Lots of things! Think about what may work for you:**
- Don't just stand there. . . **SAY SOMETHING!**
- Kids who bully may think they're being funny or "cool." If you feel safe, tell the person to **STOP** the bullying behavior. Say you don't like it and that it isn't funny.
- **DON'T BULLY BACK!** It won't help if you use mean names or actions, and it could make things worse.

If nothing else you need to....

- **Tell an adult. (This is IMPORTANT!!)**
- • Chances are, the kid who is being bullied needs help from an adult. The kid who is doing the bullying probably does, too.
- Often, the bullying does not get reported. But, who should you tell? Think about who you could tell in your school.

**THE ABUSE WILL**  
**ONLY STOP WHEN**  
**YOU MAKE IT**  
**STOP. NOT ONE**  
**MINUTE SOONER.**