

Glossary of Cyberbullying Terms

The following reflect the most common forms of cyberbullying, though this list is not exhaustive.

- **Flaming:** Online fights using electronic messages with angry and vulgar language.
- **Harassment:** Repeatedly sending offensive, rude and insulting messages.
- **Cyberstalking:** Repeatedly sending message that include threats of harm or are highly intimidating; engaging in other online activities that make a person afraid for his or her safety.
- **Denigration:** “Dissing” someone online. Sending or posting cruel gossip or rumors about a person to damage his or her reputation or friendships.
- **Exclusion:** Intentionally excluding someone from an online group, like a “buddy list” or a game.
- **Trolling:** Intentionally posting provocative messages about sensitive subjects to create conflict, upset people, and bait them into “flaming” or fighting.
- **Impersonation:** Breaking into someone’s account, posing as that person and sending messages to make the person look bad, get that person in trouble or danger, or damage that person's reputation or friendships.
- **Outing and trickery:** Sharing someone’s secrets or embarrassing information online. Tricking someone into revealing secrets or embarrassing information, which is then shared online.