



CYBER-BULLYING

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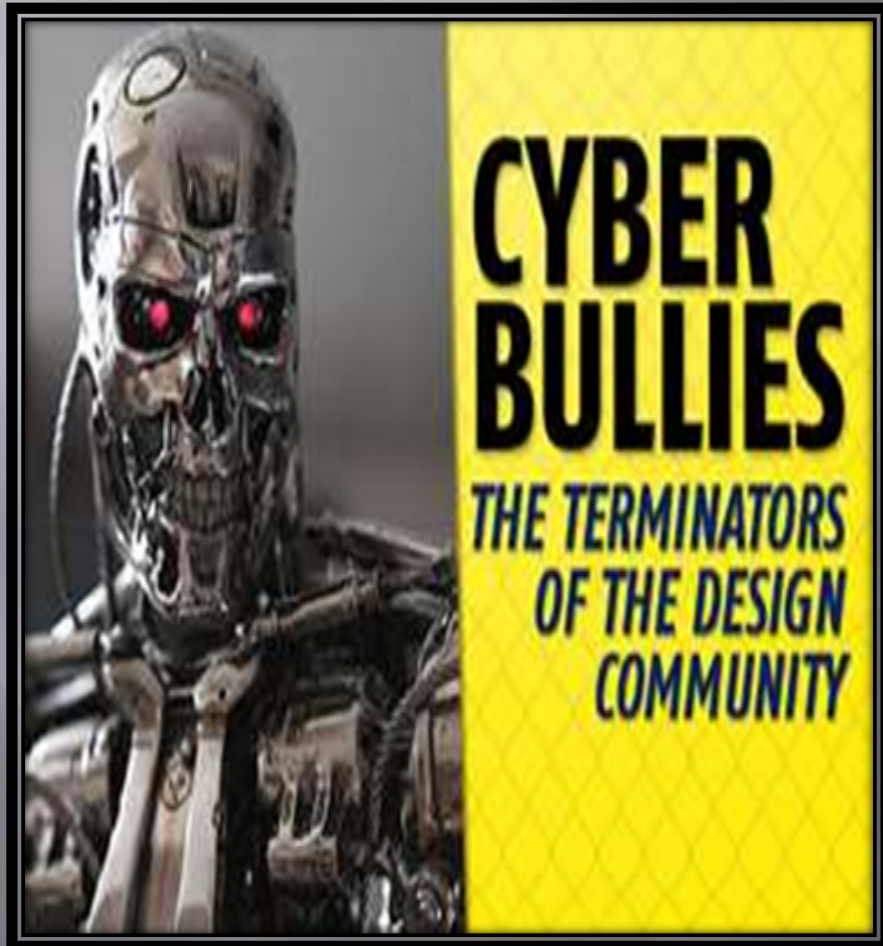


*Your Face, 3 million
people dislike it*

Internet is used for several reasons like communicating with family, friends etc.

- ▣ Face book, texting & twitter are more effective & efficient ways to get information.
- ▣ Many children and teens use it for the same reasons.
- ▣ However some use it in a cruel & malicious way known as cyber bullying.

WHAT IS CYBER-BULLYING?



Cyber-bullying:

Use of the Internet and related technologies to harm people, in a hostile, deliberate and repeated manner.

WHY TALK ABOUT CYBER-BULLYING?



- ❖ More devastating effect on children than school yard bullying.
- ❖ Follows them everywhere.
- ❖ When they use their cell phone or log onto the internet.

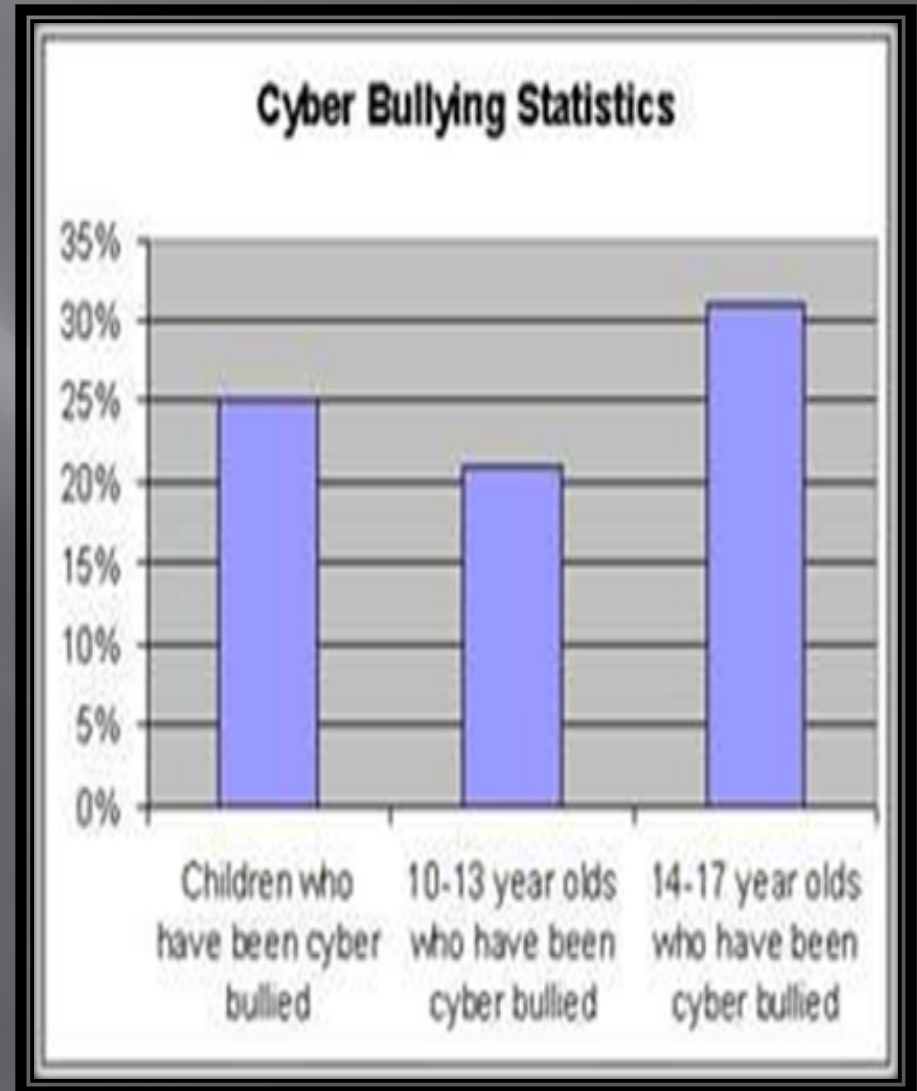


- ❖ Can be a bashing website.
- ❖ Children vote for most unattractive or unpopular child in the school.
- ❖ Can also be used as a death threat.

STATISTICS OF CYBER-BULLYING

It is on the rise, especially with children in middle and high school. **According to statistics from the i-SAFE foundation:**

- ▣ Affects all races,
- ▣ Boys are more likely to be bullied than girls.
- ▣ Girls are more likely than boys to be involved in cyber bullying
- ▣ Mean, hurtful comments and spreading rumors are the most common type of cyber bullying.
- ▣ Half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyber bullying.
- ▣ 25% of teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet.
- ▣ Over 50% of teens don't tell their parents when cyber bullying occurs.



MOST COMMON WAYS TO CYBER-BULLY

80% of teens use cell phones regularly.

- ▣ It's the most popular form of technology
- ▣ Common way to cyber bullying is texting or twitter.
- ▣ In studies of middle and high school students, the most common way that children and youth reported being cyberbullied was through instant messaging.
- ▣ Less common ways include chat rooms, emails, and messages posted on Web sites.



EFFECTS OF CYBER BULLYING

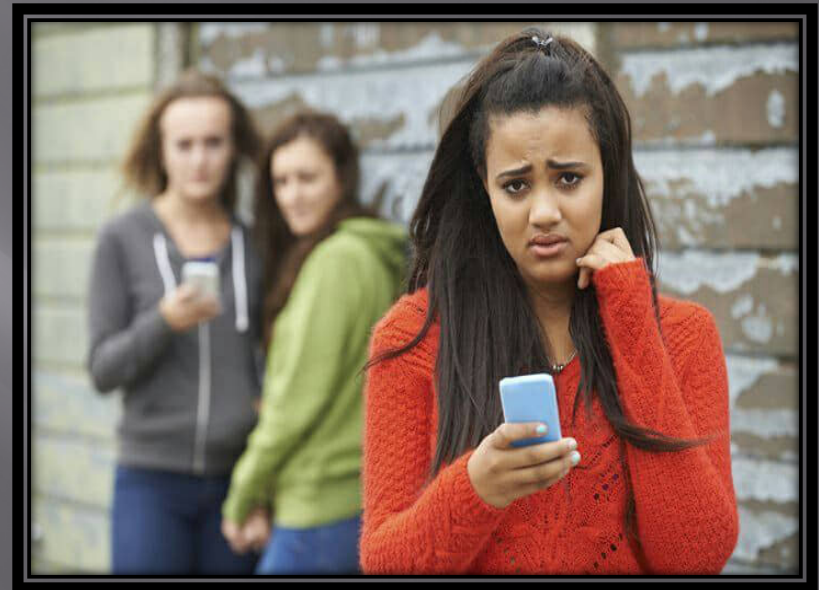


- ❑ Be unwilling to attend school
- ❑ Receive poor grades
- ❑ Have lower self-esteem
- ❑ Have more health problems
- ❑ Use alcohol and drugs
- ❑ Skip school
- ❑ Experience in-person bullying or victimization

CAN CYBER-BULLYING LEAD TO SUICIDE?

According to a Cyber Bullying Research Summary by Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D. and Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D

- Cyberbullying victims twice as likely to attempt suicide than youth who haven't experienced it.
- Several high-profile cases of teens committing suicide because they were harassed over the Internet.
- Cyber-bullicide – suicide indirectly/directly influenced by experiences of online aggression.
- Bullying and cyber-bullying is a strong predictor of suicidal thoughts and behaviors for individuals.



CONSEQUENCES OF CYBERBULLYING

- ▣ **Currently Cyberbullying is not a felony.**
- ▣ **Felony- is a crime that typically involves violence. It's very serious offense that's punishable by a prison sentence.**
- ▣ **Convicted felons can't vote, own guns, can be evicted if they rent, employment can be limited.**
- ▣ **However if an individual commits suicide due to something you posted online, you may be charged with a prison sentence.**
- ▣ **At Cass Tech, it can result in expulsion.**
- ▣ **Student has to attend a Code of Conduct Hearing & could be expelled from not just Cass Tech but all DPSCD Schools**
- ▣ **The victim could sue the perpetrator or the parent's of the victim could sue the parents/guardian of the perpetrator.**



HOW TO REDUCE/ ELIMINATE CYBER-BULLYING



- ▣ Parents should talk to teens about cyber bullying & explain the serious consequences.
- ▣ Monitor their child's online texts, tweets if needed.
- ▣ Tell their child they can't send damaging messages & explain the consequences.
- ▣ This includes punishment by loss of cell phone/computer use.
- ▣ Encourage them to tell an adult if cyber bullying occurs.
- ▣ If they are the victim they won't be punished.
- ▣ Reassure them that being bullied isn't their fault.
- ▣ Keep cyber bullying messages as proof that it's occurring.

HOW TO REDUCE/ELIMINATE CYBER-BULLYING (CONT'D)

- ▣ Block the person sending the messages.
- ▣ Don't tell your password to anyone except a parent/guardian.
- ▣ Don't write it in a place where it could be found by others.
- ▣ Don't share personal information online or meet someone they only know online.
- ▣ The computer should be in an area like the family room.



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