

## KNOW THE LAW TO PROTECT YOUR KIDS!!!

### California Law for Bullying:

For the safety of your child and parents there are laws for bullying, as written:

An act to amend Sections 32261, 32265, 32270, and 48900 of the Education Code, relating to pupil safety.

AB 86, Lieu. Pupil safety.

“This bill would specify that bullying, as used in these provisions, means one or more acts by a pupil or a group of pupils directed against another pupil that constitutes sexual harassment, hate violence, or severe or pervasive intentional harassment, threats, or intimidation that is disruptive, causes disorder, and invades the rights of others by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment, and includes acts that are committed personally or by means of an electronic act, including, but not limited to, hazing, as defined. This bill, in addition, would give school officials grounds to suspend a pupil, or recommended a pupil for expulsion, for bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying by electronic act...”

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For more information and resources about how to talk to your kids about cyberbullying, please visit the following sites:

<http://www.cyberbully411.com/>

<http://www.isolutions4kids.org/>

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# What you need to know about CYBERBULLYING

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## What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is bullying or harassment that happens online, just like offline, in schools, homes, or the community, but has the

## Where does it happen?

Cyberbullying can occur online, instant messaging (most common), social networking sites, via email, and in chat rooms, but also can occur via other new technologies .

## Internet harassment happens most frequently by peers.

- 63% of harassers are reportedly under the age of 18 years of age as compared to 14% who are 18 years of age and older.
- 23% of targeted youth said they didn't know how old their harasser was

## How to educate, and prevent cyberbullying

Educate yourself about cyberbullying such as:

- Things your child does online
- Things they see
- People they talk to online and offline
- Talk to other parents about Internet safety and behavior (just because you and your teens know what's up doesn't mean all parents do)
- Talk about Internet safety, kids want to know that you "get it"

## Discuss appropriate online etiquette, for example:

- Tell them that if they wouldn't say something to the person's face because it's too mean, it's probably not okay to say it online
- make sure they know how to end a conversation they don't like
- Just as you ask your kids about where they go and who they're with after school, ask them which Web sites they visit and who they chat with online
- Assure your teens that if they tell you about something that happened online, you will work with them to resolve the issue without taking away their Internet privileges.

## What to do about Cyberbullying

If you are being cyberbullied, there are things you can do to stop it:

- Ignore the person. Sometimes the easiest thing to do is to ignore the person and go on about your business
- Log-off if the harassment is bothering you.
- Block or delete the person. If it is happening on Instant Messaging or some other place online that requires a 'buddy list', you can block certain users based upon their username, or delete them if they are in your buddy list. You can also block emails that are being received from specific email addresses
- Change your information. If someone has hacked into your profile, change your password. If someone repeatedly sends you messages (like 'add me to your buddy list' over and over), consider changing your username or email address
- If there is a profile that was created about you without you knowing, contact the company who runs the site to have the profile or language taken off
- If you are upset about what is being said, talk to someone you trust. Don't feel like you're alone