

# BULLYING

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# What Is The Definition of Bullying?



Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose, and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over.

## Bullying is...

- **Calling someone hurtful and derogatory names**
- **Spreading lies and bad rumors about someone**
- **Being mean and teasing someone**
- **Hitting, punching, shoving, spitting and physically hurting someone**

Bullying is...

- ▣ **Social exclusion or isolation ... not including someone in a group**
- ▣ **Getting certain kids or teens to "gang up" on others**
- ▣ **Having money or other things taken or damaged**
- ▣ **Being threatened or being forced to do things**

Bullying also can happen online or electronically.



Cyber-bullying is when people bully each other using the Internet, mobile phones, or other cyber technology.

This includes:

- **Sending mean text, e-mail, or instant messages**
- **Posting nasty pictures or messages about others in blogs or on Web sites**
- **Using someone else's user name to spread rumors or lies about someone**
- **Stealing someone's password and spreading rumors about someone else making it seem like that person is the Cyberbully**



Bullying comes in various forms:

- **Physical Bullying** is the most obvious form of intimidation and can consist of kicking, hitting, biting, pinching, hair pulling, and making threats. A bully may threaten to punch you if you don't give up your money, your lunch, etc.

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- **Verbal Bullying often accompanies physical behavior. This can include name calling, spreading rumors, and persistent teasing.**

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- **Emotional Intimidation** is closely related to these two types of bullying. A bully may deliberately exclude you from a group activity such as a party or school outing.

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- **Racist Bullying can take many forms: making racial slurs, spray painting graffiti, mocking the victim's cultural customs, and making offensive gestures.**

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- **Sexual Bullying is unwanted physical contact or abusive comments.**

# Bullying comes in various forms:

- **Cyberbullying is one or a group of kids or teens using electronic means via computers and mobile phones (emails, Web sites, chat rooms, instant messages and texts) to torment, threaten, harass, humiliate, embarrass or target another kid or teen.**

# South Carolina State Law

## **SECTION 59-63-110 and SECTION 59-63-120.**

**(1) “Harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means a gesture, an electronic communication, or a written, verbal, physical, or sexual act that is reasonably perceived to have the effect of:**

- (a) harming a student physically or emotionally or damaging a student’s property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage; or**
- (b) insulting or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.**

# Law continued

## **SECTION 59-63-130.**

**(A) A person may not engage in:**

- (1) harassment, intimidation, or bullying; or**
- (2) reprisal, retaliation, or false accusation against a victim, witness, or one with reliable information about an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.**

**(B) A school employee, student, or volunteer who witnesses, or has reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall report the incident to the appropriate school official.**



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