

Cyber Harassment

What is Cyber Harassment?

Cyber bullying and harassment has been known for many years, and 2012 is the year when we will not condone it. Did you know that about 45% of children have been cyber bullied online? And, one and 4 of them has been harassed multiple times. Cyber bullying has increased over the years, and a recent study shows that twice as many children have been harassed online. As you can see, this is an issue that we as Canadians cannot ignore or condone.

Why is this so Dangerous?

Cyber harassment has affected and hurt many young children. These children are hurt so badly, that they have a much higher chance to become depressed, inflict wounds on peers or themselves, and even take their own life. Many parents have experienced the pain of knowing their child is not happy, all because of one person on the internet harassing them. Did you know that 90% of victims will not tell anybody about thier abuse over the internet. As you can see here, cyber bullying is very deadly. It can claim lives, and the ones that it doesn't claim are ruined, and the memories are burned into their mind, unless they tell someone.

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Where can this Happen?

Cyber bullying can happen at any computer, gaming platform, or phone with an internet browsing program. It can be started through any website with any program that allows users to talk to other users. For example; internet chat rooms, social networks, and more.

How can we Stop This?

Parents need to be the one trusted place kids can go when things go wrong online and offline. Yet they often are the one place kids avoid when things go wrong online. If you suspect that your child is being bullied over the internet, talk to him/her. You should ask her/him if anything is wrong. You will also have to talk to the bully and settle things.
