

CYBER Bullying

AWARNING SIGNS



What is Cyber-bullying?

A WARNING SIGNS Cyber-bullying is when someone uses technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person.



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Signs of cyber-bullying may include:

- A sudden desire to stop using the computer, phone or other devices
- Avoiding discussions about computer or phone activities
- Changes in mood, behaviour, sleep, or appetite



Signs of cyber-bullying may include:



- Being emotionally upset during or after using the internet or the phone
- Being nervous or jumpy when getting text messages or other notifications





What Should You Do if Your Child is Being

CYBER
BULLIED?



Stay Calm Do Not Panic

Talk with your child without being judgemental or angry. Your child should feel like they can talk with you about anything, without fear of being punished.



Do Not Remove Your Child's Devices

Cutting off your child's online access removes an essential tool for them to communicate and connect with friends and can make their social isolation worse.



Collect Evidence

Don't delete the abusive content straight away.
Instead, start by taking screenshots and collecting other evidence, including the dates and times it happened and details of the account used to post or send the material.



Act to Protect Your Child if Necessary

If your child is being threatened, or if they indicate a wish to harm themselves, you should get professional help. If their physical safety is at risk please contact the Police at 999.



Prevent Further Contact

Advise your child not to retaliate or respond to bullying messages, as sometimes people say hurtful things just to get a response and it could make things worse. If they have already responded, encourage them not to respond further.