

- Making threats
- Sending provocative insults or racial or ethnic slurs
- Gay bashing
- Attempting to infect the victim's computer with a virus
- Flooding an email inbox with nonsense messages
- Posting or spreading false information about a person with the aim of harming the person or their reputation
- Singling someone out and inviting others to attack or make fun of him or her.
- Pretending to be someone else to make it look like as if the other person said things he or she doesn't believe or that aren't true about him or her.
- Sharing images of a person, particularly in an embarrassing situation, without his or her permission.
- Sharing emails without the writer's permission.
- Pressuring others to exclude someone from a community (either online or offline).
- Repeatedly sending someone nasty, mean and insulting messages.

Cyberbullying is often done by children, but is by no means confined to children. One of the biggest challenges in combating cyberbullying is that the bully is anonymous, which makes him or her difficult to trace.

There are many sites on the Internet about tackling cyberbullying. Use a search engine to find out about local initiatives. General information can be found on the following websites:

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

<http://yp.direct.gov.uk/cyberbullying/>

http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries

Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime

The Convention, which came into effect on July 1 2004, is the first international treaty on crimes committed via the Internet and other computer networks, dealing particularly with infringements of copyright, computer-related fraud, child pornography and violations of network security. It also contains a series of powers and procedures such as the search of computer networks and interception. Look at <http://conventions.coe.int> and search for treaty No. 185.

Statements

- Has anyone ever opened your email box without your consent?
- Has anyone ever read any of your text (SMS) messages without your consent?
- Has anyone ever sent you insulting messages, nasty pictures or videos, either to your mobile phone or email?
- Has anyone ever sent information / pictures / videos of you to someone else without your consent?
- Has anyone ever posted pictures or information about you on a website or social network site without your consent?
- Has anyone ever manipulated / transformed any of your pictures or videos without your consent?
- Have you ever given your passwords to anyone else?
- Has anyone ever insulted you in an interactive game room or in a chat?
- Have you ever received disturbing / nasty phone calls?
- Has anyone ever made inappropriate comments on your blog / social networks?
- Has anyone ever sent false / nasty information / rumours about you by email or SMS?
- Do you know anyone who is a victim of cyberbullying?
- Do you know that there are special laws for this kind of violence?
- Do you think there should be limits to what people can place on the Internet?
- Is it right to forbid mobile phones in schools?