

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HARASSMENT, BULLYING, AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

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WORDS YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are some words you need to know to help you stay safe, and to be a responsible student of the MSD of Lawrence Township.



Harassment



WHAT IS HARASSMENT?


Aggressive pressure or intimidation
Ongoing torment



- ▶ Harassment is when someone keeps bothering or hurting you and you want them to stop.
- ▶ There are different types of harassment.
- ▶ Any form of harassment should be reported to an adult right away.
- ▶ At school, harassment is often known as bullying.

INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING:

A touch is inappropriate, and may be considered sexual harassment if:

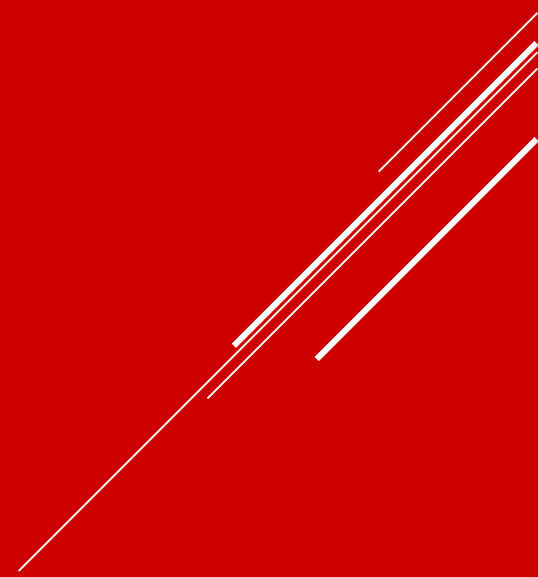
- ▶ You are touched on a private part your body where you don't want to be touched.
 - ▶ A person touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared, or nervous.
 - ▶ Someone asks you not to tell anyone, or threatens to hurt you if you tell.
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- ▶ Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual advances or obscene remarks.
- ▶ Examples may include name-calling, obscene or inappropriate gestures, dirty jokes or pictures, or touching private parts.
- ▶ Sexual harassment is against school rules and the law.

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BULLYING



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Overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures committed against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the student

- ▶ When a person hurts, embarrasses, or scares another person on purpose over and over again, it's called bullying.
- ▶ Examples include hitting, pushing, posting mean things online, spreading rumors, or taking someone's belongings over and over again.
- ▶ Being mean one time is not bullying.
- ▶ Being mean two times or more **MIGHT** be bullying.
- ▶ Bullying is against school rules.



CYBER HARASSMENT



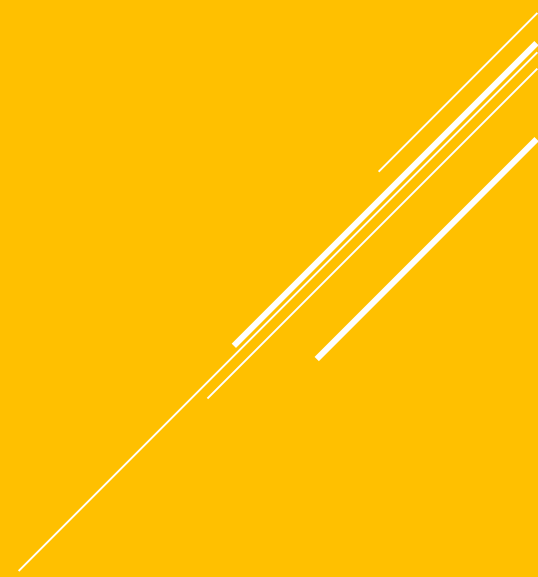
- ▶ Sometimes another student may say things that are hurtful or inappropriate when you are talking on the computer or your cell phone.
- ▶ Anything that would be considered bullying or sexual harassment if done in person can also be bullying or sexual harassment if done on a computer or cell phone, such as Instagram or text messages.
- ▶ Even if it doesn't happen at school, the school may be able to help if this happens to you.

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

- ▶ When you are safe, you feel secure and protected.
- ▶ When you are unsafe, you feel like you're in danger.
- ▶ Make smart choices in and outside of school that help you feel safe.
- ▶ Avoid putting yourself in potentially unsafe situations.



CHILD ABUSE



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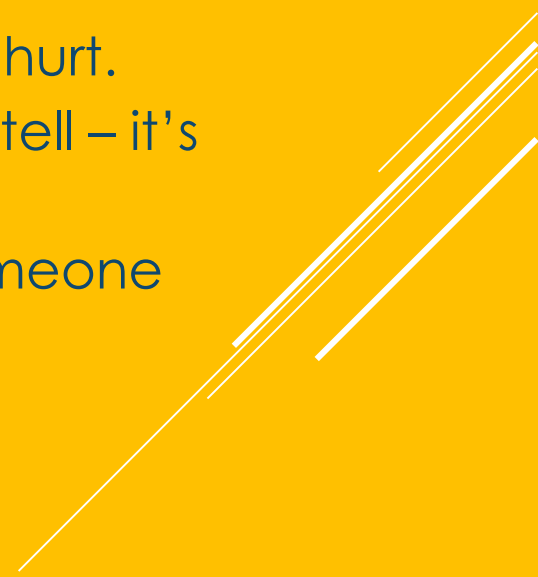


Serious mistreatment of a child

- ▶ Any act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which presents an imminent risk - or results in serious physical or emotional harm to a person under the age of 18.


Student Clip

HARASSMENT, BULLYING AND CHILD ABUSE-WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

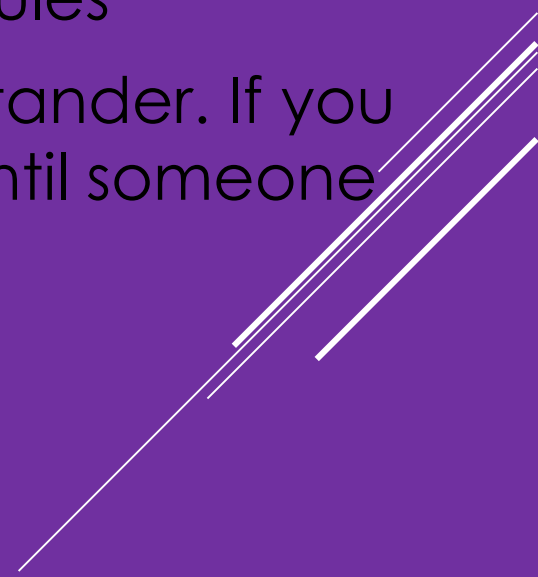
- ▶ Verbally tell the person to STOP.
 - ▶ Move away – go someplace where you feel safe.
 - ▶ Tell a trusted adult like a teacher or your parent/guardian.
 - ▶ You are courageous. Tell as soon as possible, but it is important to tell, even if you tell later.
 - ▶ Tell a trusted adult if you SEE someone being hurt.
 - ▶ Instead of being a bystander, BE BRAVE and tell – it's not tattling when someone needs help.
 - ▶ What if a trusted adult is hurting you? Tell someone else, and keep telling!
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SCHOOL POLICIES AND RULES

▶ Lawrence Township wants our students to be safe at school and at home. We have lots of policies and procedures in place about harassment, bullying, and child abuse. We are committed to having our schools safe for students to learn.



RULES ABOUT HARASSMENT, BULLYING, AND CHILD ABUSE

- 1) School rules can be found on MSDLT online
 - 2) You will not get in trouble for telling
 - 3) No retaliation or “getting you back” is allowed
 - 4) There are consequences for breaking rules
 - 5) Do the right thing! Be brave, not a bystander. If you or someone you know is being hurt, tell until someone listens!
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EXIT SLIP

What is Harassment?

What is Sexual Harassment?

What is Child Abuse?

What is Bullying?

▶ Name 3 adults you could report harassment, bullying, or child abuse to.

(Be sure to include an adult at your school)

▶ Do you have any questions about harassment, bullying, or child abuse?

