


Lawrence Township Secondary School Harassment, Bullying, and Child Abuse Prevention

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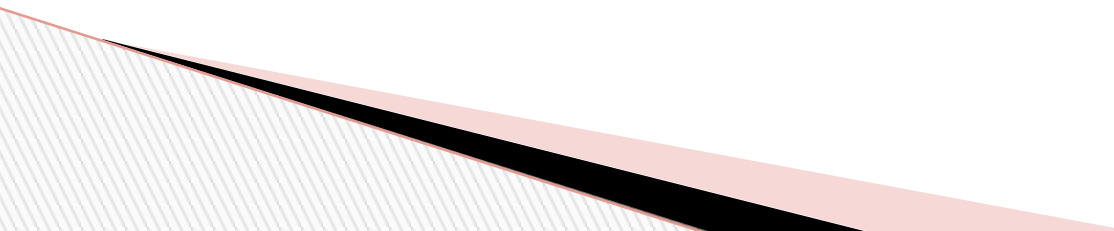


HARASSMENT

Aggressive pressure or intimidation
Ongoing torment

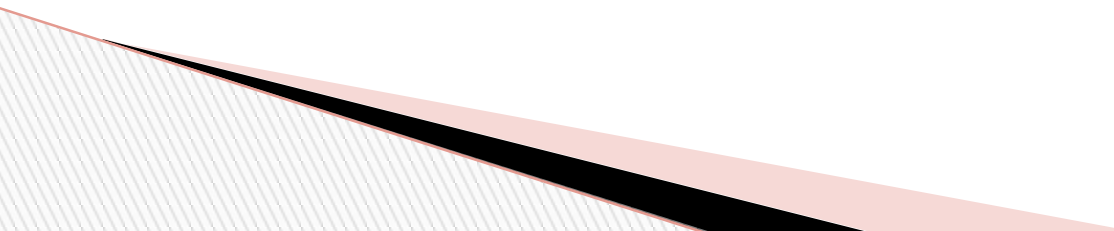
- Harassment is when someone's actions are offensive or intimidating, and you want them to stop.
 - There are different types of harassment.
 - Any form of harassment should be reported to an adult right away.
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Sexual Harassment

- Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual advances or obscene remarks.
 - Examples include name-calling, inappropriate comments or jokes, passing notes with inappropriate words or pictures, or grabbing/touching private parts.
 - Sexual harassment is against school rules and the law.
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Inappropriate Touching

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

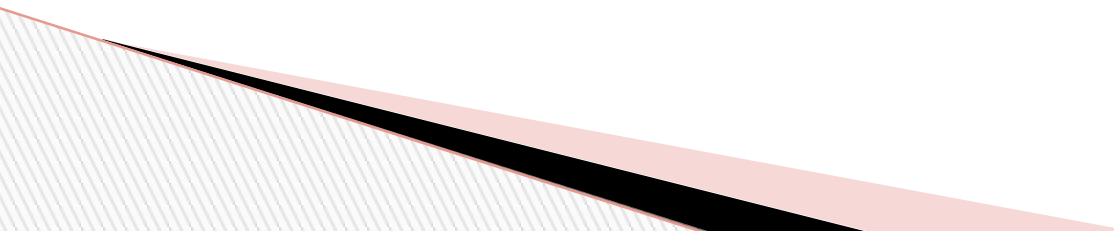
- You are touched on a private part of your body where you don't want to be touched.
 - A person touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared, or nervous.
 - Someone asks you not to tell anyone or threatens to hurt you if you tell.
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BULLYING

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

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

Cyber Bullying/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 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.
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CHILD ABUSE

Any act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which presents imminent risk - or results in serious physical or emotional harm to a person under age 18 ~ Serious mistreatment of a child

- When a person does something that causes injury, emotional hurt, or other serious harm to a child.
- OR when a person does not do something they should to care for the child.

Examples:

Pushing a child down the stairs hard, and on purpose.

Not helping a child when they're badly hurt and bleeding.

DATING VIOLENCE

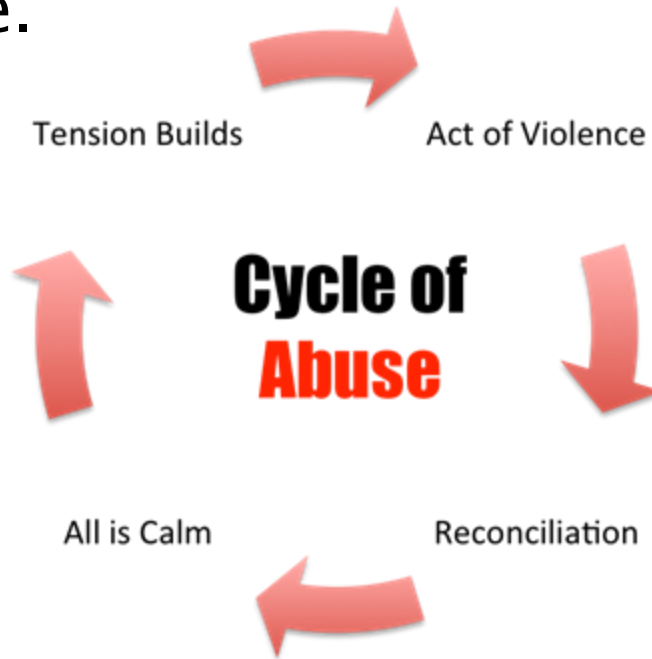
A pattern of abusive behavior used by one person in a dating relationship to control or harm another

There are several types of dating violence:

- Physical abuse - Use of physical force to harm or intimidate a partner. (ie. hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, threatening with weapons)
- Emotional abuse - Undermining a partner's self-worth and emotional well-being. Can involve verbal abuse, humiliation, controlling behaviors, or isolation from loved ones.
- Sexual abuse - Any sexual act forced upon a partner without their consent.
- Stalking - Repeated, unwanted attention and contact that causes fear or concern for a partner's safety.

The Cycle of Abuse

Because abuse often starts small and gets worse over time, a partner may not realize he or she is in an abusive relationship. Partner abuse typically occurs in a cycle.



If you're in an abusive relationship, get help! Tell a trusted adult.

If someone is hurting you-What should you do?

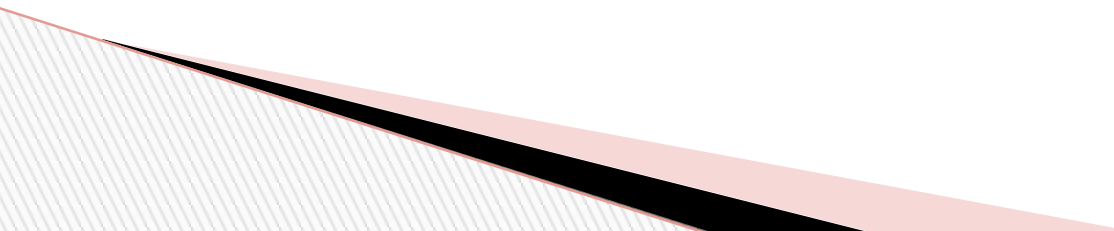
- Verbally tell the person to STOP.
- Move away – go someplace where you feel safe.
- Tell a trusted adult like a teacher or your parent/guardian.
- Tell a trusted adult if you SEE someone being hurt.
- Instead of being a bystander, BE BRAVE and tell – it's not snitching or tattling when someone needs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

What if a trusted adult is hurting you?


Tell someone else, and keep telling!

School Policies and Rules

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



Rules about HARASSMENT, BULLYING, DATING VIOLENCE and CHILD ABUSE

- 1) School rules can be found on [Itschools.org](https://www.itschools.org)
 - 2) You will not get in trouble for telling
 - 3) There are consequences for breaking rules
 - 4) No retaliation or “getting you back” is allowed
 - 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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Keep Yourself Safe

- When you are safe, you feel secure and protected.
- When you are unsafe, you might feel like you're in danger.
- Make smart choices in and outside of school that help you feel safe.
- Always watch your surroundings (the people *and* the environment).
- Listen to those who care about you! Avoid putting yourself in potentially unsafe situations.

Exit Slip

What is harassment? What is sexual harassment?

What is bullying? How is cyber bullying different?

What is child abuse?

Describe the cycle of dating violence.

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, dating violence or child abuse?

