

Elementary School Harassment, Bullying, and Child Abuse Prevention

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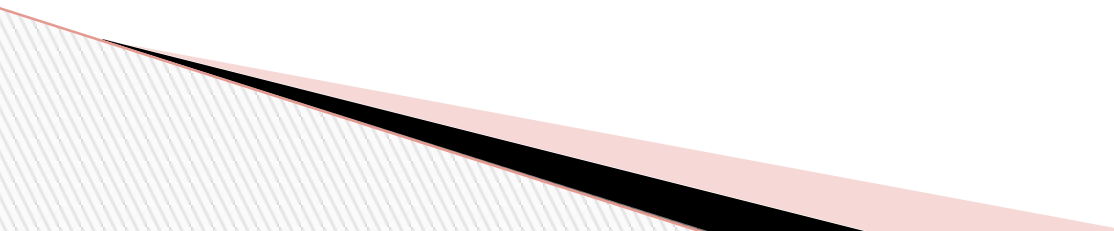


**Lawrence Township
students stay safe by
keeping their hands and
feet to themselves.**

**They also have adults
who help them stay safe.**



ASK FIRST to Keep Yourself Safe

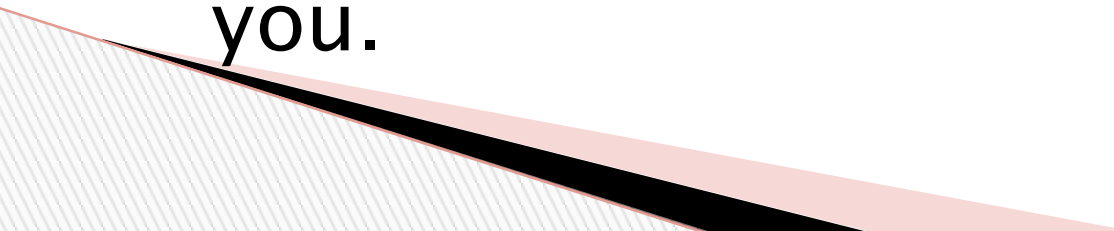
- When you are safe, you feel protected.
 - When you are unsafe, you might feel like you're in danger.
 - Make choices that help you feel safe.
 - Always ask your parent/guardian or the person in charge FIRST before you go somewhere, do something, or accept something from someone.
 - Asking FIRST can keep you safe.
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Words You Should Know

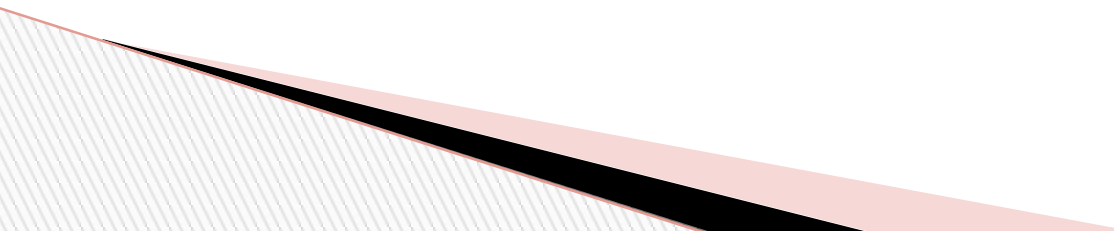
There are some words you need to know to help you stay safe. We will talk about what these words mean:

1. Harassment
 2. Bullying
 3. Child Abuse
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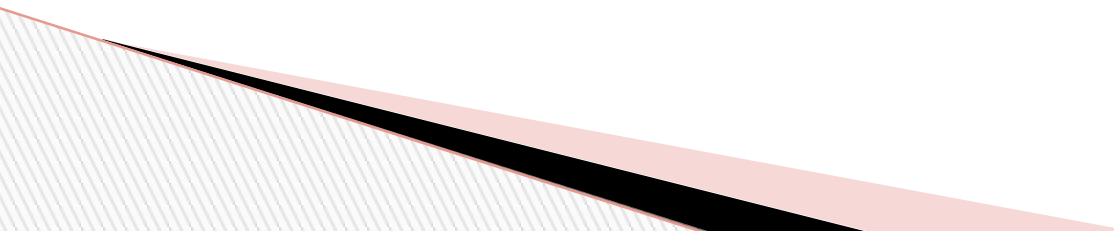
HARASSMENT

- Harassment is when someone's actions are offensive or intimidating, and you want them to stop.
 - There are different types of harassment.
 - If you want someone to stop bothering or harassing you, Tell them to STOP! If you need help telling them to stop, ask a parent/guardian or teacher to help you.
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Keeping Your Body Safe

- Private parts are the parts of your body covered by your swimming suit. These parts are private because they are not to be seen or touched by anyone, and you should not see or touch anyone else's.
 - A person should never touch your private body parts except to keep you healthy (like a doctor or your parent/guardian).
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Sexual Harassment

- Sexual harassment is any unwanted actions or words that could make someone feel embarrassed, hurt, or afraid *based on their gender*.
 - 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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Good Touch, Bad Touch

There are different types of touches.

Good touches give you good feelings.

Examples:

- A hug from a family member
- A high five from your teacher
- A fist bump from a friend

Bad touches give you bad feelings.

Examples:

- Another student hitting you
 - Pinching or slapping on the bottom
 - Touching in a private area
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It's a Bad Touch if:

- It hurts you.
- Someone touches you on 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.
- A person asks you not to tell anyone or threatens to hurt you if you tell.

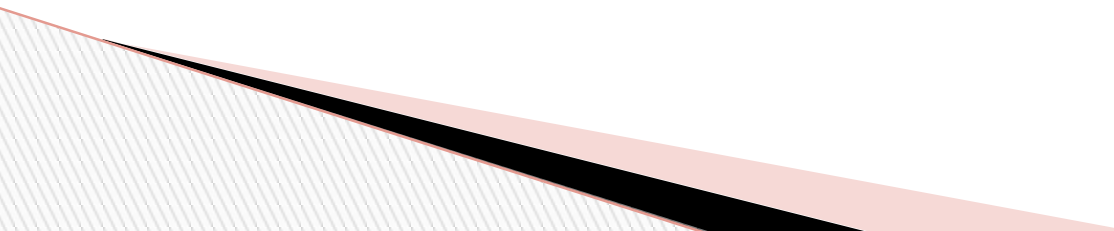
NEVER keep secrets about touching.



BULLYING

- 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

- 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.

- Serious mistreatment of a child, or treating a child very badly.

If someone is hurting you-What should you do?

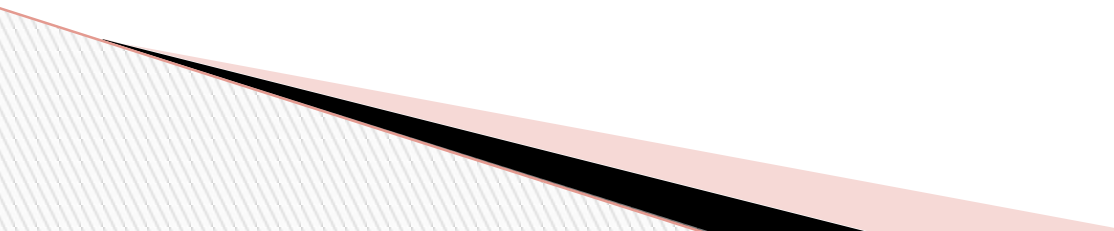
- Use your words to tell the person to STOP.
- Move away – go someplace where you feel safe.
- Tell a trusted adult like a teacher or your parent/guardian.
- Tell a trusted adult if you SEE someone being hurt.
- Instead of being a bystander, BE BRAVE and tell – it's not snitching or tattling when someone 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?

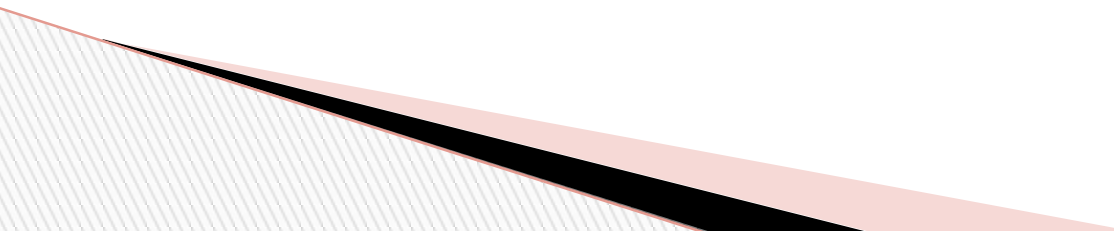
Tell someone else, and keep telling!

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, 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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Exit Slip

What is harassment? What is sexual harassment?

What is bullying? How is cyber bullying different?

What is child abuse?

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?

