What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying occurs when a child or teen is embarrassed, humiliated, harassed, tormented or otherwise targeted by another person using the Internet or other form of digital communication.

According to www.stopcyberbullying.org, there are generally five types of cyberbullies.

- **Power hungry**
  - seeks attention from peers
  - maintains control by intimidating victim

- **Retaliating victim**
  - has been cyberbullied or bullied in person in the past
  - seeks revenge on bullies
  - less popular, usually has above average computer skills

- **Mean girl**
  - usually female
  - bullies for entertainment value to alleviate boredom (i.e., slumber party)
  - aims to increase her own popularity by putting others down

- **Vengeful angel**
  - seeks revenge on behalf of those who have been bullied or cyberbullied
  - often trying to protect friends
  - doesn't see himself/herself as a cyberbully

- **Inadvertent cyberbully**
  - uses the Internet carelessly, without considering potential impact on others
  - does not intentionally hurt others

For more information on cyberbullying contact the Illinois Attorney General’s E-Info Hotline at 1-888-414-7678 or e-info@atg.state.il.us.

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