



## Forms of Cyberbullying

A child or teen can be bullied in a wide variety of contexts—through cell phones, chat rooms, e-mail, instant messages, or websites—the possibilities are endless.

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- ◆ **Texting/IMing/Emailing:** Sending a mean or threatening message; including text or images. This may include forwarding a message without the original sender's permission.
- ◆ **Sending Pictures/Videos:** Sending, posting, or altering pictures/videos of others with the intention to harm, whether the images were taken with or without consent.
- ◆ **Social Networking Sites (i.e. Instagram, Facebook):** Posting mean or hurtful content about someone in a public forum.
- ◆ **Websites or Profiles:** Participating in a profile or website with the purpose of degrading, humiliating, harassing, or threatening another person.
- ◆ **Stealing Passwords:** Using another person's account or cell phone without authorization to send mean or threatening messages, or post inappropriate content.
- ◆ **Impersonation:** Using the Internet or cell phone to pretend to be someone else to send mean, inappropriate or threatening messages.
- ◆ **Sending Spyware and/or Hacking Programs:** Using technology to jeopardize or gain unauthorized access to someone else's computer.
- ◆ **Chat Rooms/Group texts:** Sending a mean, embarrassing, inappropriate or threatening message to be viewed by everyone in a chat room or message thread.

To contact an Internet Safety Specialist, please call **1-888-414-7678** or email **[e-info@atg.state.il.us](mailto:e-info@atg.state.il.us)**.



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