



## NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

# October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Every October, schools and organizations across the country join STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal: encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages.

### The Issue Of Bullying

**Bullying is a problem that affects millions of students of all races and classes. 1 out of 4 kids is bullied and depending on their ages up to 43% of students have been bullied while online.**

Child and teen Bullying and Cyberbullying are at an all-time high. Some kids are so tormented

that suicide has become an alternative for them. It has everyone worried. Not just the kids on its receiving end, but the parents, teachers and others who may not understand how extreme bullying can get. Love Our Children USA is working aggressively to prevent these issues and to help the kids and teens affected by it.

### **Bullying Statistics**

- 1 out of 4 teens are Bullied.
- 9 out of 10 LGBT students experienced harassment at school and online.
- 8% students stay home on any given day because they're afraid of being bullied.
- 1 out of 5 kids admits to being a bully, or doing some "Bullying."
- 43% fear harassment in the bathroom at school.
- A poll of teens ages 12-17 proved that they think violence increased at their schools.
- 282,000 students are physically attacked in secondary schools each month.
- More youth violence occurs on

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school grounds as opposed to on the way to school.

- 80% of the time, an argument with a bully will end up in a physical fight.
  - 1/3 of students surveyed said they heard another student threaten to kill someone.
  - 2 out of 3 say they know how to make a bomb, or know where to get the information to do it.
  - Playground statistics - Every 7 minutes a child is bullied.
- Adult intervention - 4% Peer intervention - 11%. No intervention - 85%.

### **Cyberbullying Statistics**

- Depending on the age group, up to 43% of students have been bullied while online. 1 in 4 have had it happen more than once.
- 35% of kids have been threatened online. Nearly 1 in 5 have had it happen more than once.
- 21% of kids have received mean or threatening e-mail or other messages.
- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them

online. More than 4 out of 10 say it has happened more than once.

- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online. More than 1 in 3 have done it more than once.
- 58% have not told their parents or an adult about something mean or hurtful that happened to them online.

Some feel that bullying is a normal right of passage in growing up. It isn't!! There will always be conflicts between kids, but bullying is intentional cruelty, harassment, and emotional, physical and sometimes sexual abuse. This behavior can set the tone for a lifetime of intentional

cruelty or worse. And the consequences to the victim can seriously affect them for the rest of their lives.

Together we can **STOMP Out Bullying™!**

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