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HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING

What is bullying? Bullying is when someone repeatedly mistreats another. This can be physical, verbal or emotional.

What is girl bullying? Girls often use indirect tactics rather than fists. They might spread rumors, exclude someone or otherwise use relationships to hurt a person.

Do boys ever do this? Yes, but boys usually use easier-to-spot physical tactics.

Are the bullying roles fixed? A girl can be the bully in school and the victim in another activity like sports.

How early does bullying start? Girls can begin to bully in preschool, but it reaches it's height in middle school. High school girls often gain enough maturity to quit playing the bullying game, although adult bullies do exist.

Isn't bullying just a right of passage? Bullying exists in every culture and socio-economic level but it can harm the bully and the victim who lose their sense of self. Even the fear of being humiliated can make a child who has not been a direct victim less willing to take a chance.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE VICTIMS OF BULLYING

Girls who are part of cliques can still be the brunt of bullying behavior. Here's a checklist to decide if the girl may be the target of taunts:

She feels hopeless to stop other girls' behavior. She feel isolated and without allies.



Parent Tip!

She can mask her hurt by rejecting people first, saying she doesn't like anyone.

She doesn't want to talk because she is embarrassed to admit that she is a target of bullying.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE BULLIES

Some girls are naturally popular, but other socially savvy girls abuse popularity for control and attention. Here's a checklist to determine if a girl may be a bully:

Her friends do what she wants them to do.

She can argue anyone down, including friends, peers, teachers and parents.

Her comments about other girls are about the lame things they do or did.

She doesn't want to invite everyone to her birthday party, and if she does, she ignores some.

She's charming to adults.

She makes other girls feel "anointed" by declaring them special friends.

She is affectionate to one person to show rejection of another, like throwing her arms dramatically around one girl to emphasize the exclusion of another.

She does not take responsibility when she hurts another's feelings.

She seeks revenge when she feels wronged.