

Cyberbullying

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What is Cyberbullying?:
Cyberbullying is seen as a form of bullying which occurs mainly on digital communication platforms from phones, computers and tablets.

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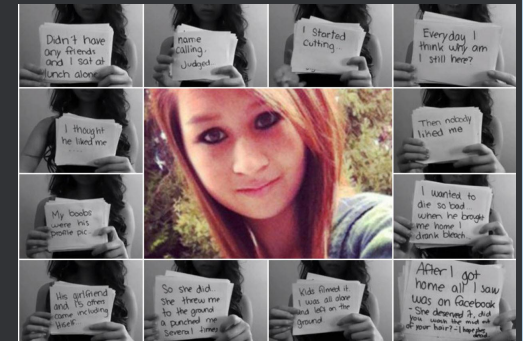
Cyberbullying affects nearly everyone that has used the internet before. It is a very serious issue that worsens people's mental health. Due to how cyberbullying takes place it may fall into the hands of cybersecurity to handle. This presentation is about cyberbullying and how cybersecurity handles it.

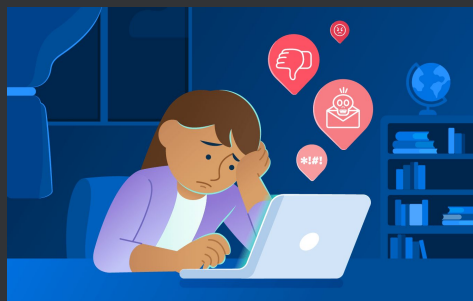
Discussion points



Examples

- In 2008 Lori drew was accused of bullying a 13 year old Megan Meier MySpace by creating a fake account. Megan committed suicide as a result of the cyberbullying. Drew was brought to federal criminal court under the CFAA for unauthorized access to MySpace. She got off completely free because breaking the MySpace terms of service was not considered unauthorized access
- In 2012 a 15 year old Amanda Todd committed suicide after being blackmailed to showing her breast to a stranger on the livestreaming service 'Blogger' the perpetrator was then extradited from the Netherlands to Canada and sentenced to 15 years in prison for blackmail





Interesting statistics

- About 58% of US teenagers reported experiencing cyberbullying at some point as of 2025 throughout their lives, in 2016 this was around 17%
- About 33% of those said they had been cyberbullied in the last 30 days
- Frequent cyberbullying has adversely affected mental health
- Women get cyberbullied more and men cyberbully more



Cybersecurity does not have a huge role in preventing cyberbullying but it can help by:

- Preventing the breaking of the terms of service comes down to cybersecurity a lot of the time, and most platforms have rules against cyberbullying
- Measures like preventing alternate accounts and giving users the ability to get rid of harmful content can be taken to reduce cyberbullying
- Challenges come in the form of deciding what constitutes cyberbullying as a threat or what is free speech

Thank you