

The Voice presents:

Just Kidding, Just Fine
and Other Lies

A Public Service Announcement



A close-up photograph of fallen autumn leaves in various shades of red, orange, yellow, and green. The leaves are scattered across the frame, creating a rich, textured background. Overlaid on the left side of the image is the word "FALL" in large, bold, black capital letters.

FALL

Bullying:
Verbal, physical, or other
acts committed by a student
to harass, intimidate, or
cause harm to another
student.

Approximately 47 teens
are bullied every 5 minutes.

Teachers and administrators sometimes underestimate the extent and effect of bullying and, as a result, fail to prevent or stop it.

New students often feel alienated. The cafeteria is one of the most intimidating places in the school.

The number one reason
teens are bullied is because
of their appearance.

The number two reason is
perceived or actual sexual
orientation.

Bullies frequently insult or threaten their classmates and follow it with “just kidding” to make bullying a joke and therefore acceptable.

Students and teachers need to recognize these comments are still bullying– and not a joke. The bully needs to be confronted or the behavior will continue to escalate.

Relational Aggression:
A form of aggression that is meant to harm the social relationships of an individual. It is not physical abuse, but a social abuse of connections and influence to keep the victim as low in social standing as possible.

Relational aggression is the
predominate strategy used
by girl bullies.

Bullies often have a difficult home life and learn their behavior from witnessing domestic violence and emotional abuse on a regular basis.

They often perpetuate the
cycle of violence and
become abusers themselves.

A black and white photograph of a winter landscape. The foreground is covered in a thick layer of snow. Bare trees stand in the background, their branches reaching out against a bright, overexposed sky. The overall atmosphere is cold and serene.

WINTER

Gay and lesbian teens are
two to three times more
likely to commit suicide than
their peers.

Of students who reported harassment because of their sexuality, approximately one third of the time school staff didn't do anything to resolve the issue.

Cyberbullying:
Bullying over social
networking, text messaging,
or prank calling.

20% of teenagers admit to sexting- sending or posting nude or semi-nude pictures or videos of themselves.

48% of teenagers say they have received such messages. Most were not the intended recipients.

Seventy-two percent of
eighth and ninth graders
reportedly date.

By the time they are in high school, 54% of students report dating abuse among their peers.

Signs of Domestic Violence in Teens

The Victim:

- Is often isolated from peers
- Makes excuses for the abuser's actions to parents, teachers, and friends.
- May have low self-esteem

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The Abuser:

- Forces the other person to spend time with him/her over being with family or friends.
- Constantly “checks up” on the other person.
- Acts extremely jealous and territorial

75% of boys who witness
parental abuse have
demonstrable behavioral
problems.

Children older than 6 have a tendency to identify with the aggressor and lose respect for the victim.

Every 30 minutes a teenager
attempts suicide due to
bullying.

The leading cause of death
in students under the age of
14 is suicide.

“Bullycide” is the new term
for suicide as a result of
being bullied.



SPRING

Harassment

"Words, gestures, and actions which tend to annoy, alarm and abuse (verbally) another person."

Firm, fair, and consistent enforcement of school discipline policies and meaningful school climate strategies (including anti-bullying initiatives) lead to safer school climates and less bullying.

Students can end bullying
simply by speaking up.
Ignoring the situation is
complicit acceptance.

Offering support to the person who is being bullied helps them and sends a message to the bully that you don't agree with what's going on.

Women need support (family, friends, and economic) in order to leave abusive relationships. It may take several attempts before they successfully leave their partner.

Hey. - Message (HTML)

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Address Book Check Names Names

Attach File Attach Item Business Card Follow Up

Signature Include Options

To... emerylynn@gmail.com
Cc...
Subject: Hey.

Hey Emery,

I hope this is your mail account. I guessed this was it, but I'm not sure if you even check your email so who knows if you'll ever get this. I noticed you've been gone for a long time. I hope you're okay. School has been rough lately. I don't know if you heard, but Lissa died. I know she talked to you in Biology.

Do you remember that time when we were six and in Mr. Smith's 1st grade? We always played together on the playground. You saved me from the "monsters." Weird how you remember stupid stuff like that, huh?

I know we haven't talked much in the last few years and I'm sorry about that. Everyday, I look at Lissa's empty seat and know she's never coming back. Then I look at yours. Come back to school, Emery.

Jessie

1 in 12 students who stay home from school do so because they are afraid.

No student should be afraid
to go to school because of
bullying. Schools should be
a safe place for all students.

I miss U babe
Lets go out tonight
What R U doing?
R U mad?
Can we get together?
Why don't U answer?!
Where R U?
Who R U with?!
Call me.
PICK UP.
ANSWER YOUR PHONE!!!
Pick up NOW!
QUIT IGNORING ME!
R U trying to hurt me?!
I'm coming over.
You BETTER be home.

Control is a key factor in
teen dating abuse.

Digital media—texting,
tweeting, instant-messaging,
Facebook, and Skype-- keep
teens in abusive relationships
connected 24/7.

It also keeps them controlled.

Bullying has many forms,
including physical violence,
verbal taunts, and social
exclusion.

It DOES get better.

There are many resources for help.

Friends. Parents. Teachers.
Counselors. Siblings. Therapists.
Nurses or medical personnel.
Family members. Mentors.
Police officers. Bosses. Pastors or
other laypersons. Administrators.
Anyone you trust.

Speak up. Speak out.

One person CAN make a
difference.

Will you be that person?

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