

Sexual Harassment

What Is Sexual Harassment?

Sexual harassment is bullying that involves unwanted sexual attention. This could include:

- Calling people names because of their sexual orientation
- Making comments about someone's body
- Touching or grabbing someone's body
- Forcing a person to kiss or do sexual things
- Snapping someone's bra
- Giving or showing sexual pictures, videos or notes to someone
- Pulling someone's clothes off or down
- Being physically close to someone in a sexual way
- Asking someone for naked pictures of themselves ("nudes")
- Spreading sexual rumors about someone (in person, by text or social media)
- Posting sexual comments, videos or pictures
- Making sexual comments, jokes or asking sexual questions

Facts about Sexual Harassment

Here are some facts about sexual harassment:

- Both boys and girls can be sexually harassed.
- Both boys and girls can sexually harass others.
- Sexual harassment is illegal.
- Sexual harassment can happen in person or online.
- Sexual harassment is not the victim's fault.

How to Handle Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment won't go away on its own. Here is what you can do:

- Tell the person to stop what they are doing.
- Tell a trusted adult.
- Keep telling until a trusted adult steps in and helps make it stop!
- Get support.

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