

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS



Consent

Means agreeing to something or giving permission for it.

When it comes to sex, consent means everyone involved wants to participate and understands what they're agreeing to. It's important that all parties can freely choose to take part, can clearly say they want to be involved, can change their minds at any time, and are fully aware of the activity they're agreeing to. Consent matters for activities like kissing, touching someone sexually, having sex, sending sexual messages or images, and deciding not to use protection. Consent is crucial for having healthy, respectful, safe, and enjoyable sexual experiences.



Cyberbullying

Is when someone uses the internet or cell phones to make another person feel sad, scared, or angry. It's like bullying but happening online. Cyberbullies intentionally hurt others multiple times, like sending mean messages, posting embarrassing photos or videos on social media, or spreading mean rumors using the internet or phones. It's important to remember to be kind and respectful online, just as you would in person.

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Grooming

It happens when adults or older kids try to befriend a child to make them feel comfortable. But groomers have bad intentions and want to do things that are wrong and hurtful. It's important to be cautious and tell a trusted adult if someone tries to make you uncomfortable or pushes you into doing things you don't want to do.



Cyber extremism

Is when people use computers and other technology to cause a lot of trouble and make people scared for political reasons. It can be dangerous and harmful to society. We should always use technology responsibly and safely.



Sextortion

It happens when someone blackmails another person. They threaten to make private pictures or videos public unless the person does things they don't want to do or gives them something in return. This is very wrong, especially when it happens to young people. No one should ever force you into doing things you don't want to do or take advantage of private pictures or videos you shared.



Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA)

Is when people with bad intentions use technology, like the internet, to harm children sexually. They might trick or force kids into doing things that are not right. It's dangerous and wrong. If you see something like this happening online, it's crucial to tell a trusted adult about it.



Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)

Is when someone forces or bullies a person under 18 into doing sexual things. The child might not fully understand what's happening, or they're too young to handle it. Making or sharing this kind of material is against the law and considered very wrong. Adults or older kids in positions of power can sexually abuse children, even without physical force. They might use their authority to manipulate kids into participating in sexual activities.