

MySpace® Cyberbullying: Tips for Taking Action



Steps a **student** can take if he/she is the victim of cyberbullying on MySpace®*

1. Click “Contact MySpace,” located on the bottom of any MySpace.com web page.
2. Select “Reporting Abuse” from the first dropdown menu;
3. Select “Report Cyberbullying” in the second dropdown menu;
4. Follow any and all subsequent directions.

Upon receiving this report, MySpace® investigates and takes appropriate action. MySpace® considers cyberbullying a serious offense and, as a result, has created a rapid response team to respond to cyberbullying complaints.

Appropriate remedial action taken by MySpace® in response to cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, recommending that the user block the cyberbully from contacting them, and permanently removing the account of the cyberbully.

Students who are victims of cyberbullying should not remove or delete offensive messages after reporting the problem to MySpace®. These messages will be needed to enable MySpace® to make a thorough investigation of the cyberbullying.

Steps an **educator or school administrator** can take if students ask for help*

Educators and/or school administrators may report incidences of cyberbullying on behalf of a student. An email to schoolcare@myspace.com from a school email address should be sent. Include the following information in the email:

1. The MySpace.com web address of the subject of cyberbullying;
2. The MySpace.com web address of the alleged cyberbully;
3. Copies of messages and/or other forms of communication sent by the cyberbully to the subject;
4. Your relationship to both students;
5. Your name and title;
6. The name, address and telephone number of the school where you are employed and where the student(s) attend.

*Source: *MySpace.com – The Official School Administrator’s Guide to Understanding MySpace and resolving Social Networking Issues*. 2006. pp 10-11.

Tips to **help** when a child is bullied online...

NetSmartz offers some excellent suggestions for responding to cyberbullying. For more information, go to <http://www.netsmartz.org/news/Sep03-01.htm>.

Do you know who you’re talking to?

An Internet Safety Message from the Collinsville Community Unit School District