



## **HOW TO STAY** SAFE FROM **CYBER-BULLIES**

#### **DO WHAT'S RIGHT ONLINE**



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# Before we react, CHECK PLEASE!

There are several steps you can take to keep yourself protected from cyber-bullies. Learn how to stay safe on the Internet with these tips.

### **KEEP YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS PRIVATE**

To avoid cyber-stalkers and online harassment, be mindful of the things you post online. Control the privacy settings on your social media so that only people you know and trust can view your account.

#### STAY DRESSED

Avoid taking or sending explicit photos or videos of yourself to others. Accidentally or maliciously, it may reach someone you did not intend it for.

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#### LOG OFF FROM YOUR ACCOUNTS

Make a habit of logging off from your accounts when you step away from your digital devices, like your phone or laptop, even for a short period of time. This prevents others from using your account and accessing the information on it.



#### **PROTECT YOUR PASSWORDS**

Use secure passwords that are difficult to guess and crack. One tactic of cyber-bullies is to use the victim's online identity to message their friends.

### **STAY CALM**

Cyber-bullies often post rude and untrue statements to hurt and bait you into responding. In these situations, it is important to stay calm. Block the cyber-bully, report the offensive material to have it removed, and report their account to the social media site directly with screenshots of the cyber-bullying posts or messages as proof.