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Joint Standing Committee on Cyber-Safety

Please tell us how you stay safe online!

The Australian Parliament is holding an inquiry into cyber-safety issues facing young Australians, and would like to hear your views. We are particularly interested in young Australian's views about the dangers online including cyber-bullying, stalking, identity theft and breaches of privacy. This survey will be completely anonymous and we will not know who you are.

The information you give us will be used to tell the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety about the experiences young people have with cyber-safety and cyber-bullying.

It will also be used to help write the final report, which will contain recommendations to the Australian Government on what can be done about these issues.

Here is your chance to take part in the survey!
Cybersafety Questions:
Please circle the appropriate response:

1. Do you think that no one knows who you are when you're online?

Yes: 10= 19%. No: 43= 81%

2. What information about yourself is ok to put up on a web page that strangers might read?

Your name	Yes: 27= 51%. No: 26 = 49%
Your address	Yes: 0= 0%. No: 53 =100%

Your telephone number	Yes: 0 = 0%. No: 53 =100%
Your age or birthday	Yes: 8 = 15%. No: 45 = 85%
Bank account information about your or your family	Yes: 0 =0%. No: 53 =100%
The school you attend	Yes: 3 = 6%. No: 50 = 94%
Nude or semi-nude photos to others via text message or email	Yes: 0 = 0% No: 53= 100%
If you are going on holiday	Yes: 8= 15%. No: 45 = 85%
Your passwords or email addresses	Yes: 0 = 0%. No: 53 = 100%
Post photos of others without their permission	Yes: 0= 0%. No: 53 = 100%

Would you like to tell us more?
Only give your first name, ignore being added if you don't know the person, use the privacy settings, don't give out your parents credit cards details, don't show any personal information x 3.

3. Have you ever felt unsafe on the internet? Yes: 18 = 34% No: 35 = 66%

Would you like to tell us more?
Have been threatened on MSN, tell your parents if you're being cyberbullied, my account has been hacked, I've been sworn at during an online game, being cyberbullied has made me very cautious online now.

4. Who would you talk to if you were worried about something you saw on the internet?

Your family	**Yes: 33 = 62%. No: 20 = 38%**
Your friends	**Yes: 26 = 49%. No: 27 = 51%**
Your teacher	**Yes: 36 = 68%. No: 17 = 32%**
The police	**Yes: 35 = 66%. No: 18 = 34%**
Community group	**Yes: 9 = 17%. No: 44 = 83%**
Talk to no one	**Yes: 11 = 21%. No: 42 = 79%**

Other (please describe) Counselor, experienced person x 7, grandparents x 4.

5. Does anyone in your family talk about how to stay safe when you are on the Internet?

Yes: 42 = 79%. No: 11 = 21%

6. How worried are you about your safety when you are on the Internet? Would you say...

Yes, I'm worried a lot: 1 = 2%

Yes, I'm worried a bit: 44 = 83%

No, I'm not worried: 8 = 15%

7. Where did you learn about safety when using the Internet?

At school	**Yes: 52 = 98%. No: 1 = 2%**
Information on internet	**Yes: 10 = 19%. No: 43 = 81%**
From family	**Yes: 52 = 98%. No: 1 = 2%**

From friends   Yes: 16 = 30%. No: 37 = 70%

Never learnt about it   Yes: 1= =2%. No: 52 = 98%

Other (please specify) Books, school posters.

8. What do you think can be done to make you safe online?

Talk about it more with family   Yes: 52 = 98%. No: 1 = 2%

Learn about it at school   Yes: 53 = 100%. No: 0 =0%

Ask friends   Yes: 14 = 26%. No: 39 = 74%

More policing and enforcement   Yes: 44 = 83%. No: 9 = 17%

Tougher filtering of the Internet   Yes: 49 = 92%. No: 4 = 8%

Make public internet access such as libraries safer   Yes: 46 = 87%.
No: 7 = 13%

Nothing, it is safe   Yes: 1 = 2%. No: 52 = 98%

Anything else that can be down to make it safer online?
Stronger filters, parental approval of age in Facebook, more parental
supervision required x 2, cyberbullies to be suspended from sites, install
better virus protection, more education for parents needed, restricted
websites, some social networking sites should be blocked, use filters better,
more complicated password systems needed.
**Cyber-bullying is when these things happen AGAIN AND AGAIN to
someone who finds it hard to stop it from happening.**

TEASING OR THREATENING SOMEONE   SPREADING RUMOURS ONLINE   SENDING HURTFUL MESSAGES
   IN EMAILS OR ON CHAT SITES   OR VIA SMS   ONLINE OR VIA MOBILE PHONES

9. Of the following groups, who do you think is most often targeted by cyber-bullies?

Boys   **Yes: 35 = 66%. No: 18 = 34%**

Girls   **Yes: 46 = 87%. No: 7 = 13%**

Strangers   **Yes: 26 = 49%. No: 27 = 51%**

Others (please specify) Famous people, children x 2, not friends, boys are usually bullied by boys, girls can be bullied by boys and girls, smaller people, weaker people, loners.

10. In the last year, do you know of someone who has been cyber-bullied?   **Yes: 11 = 20%. No: 42= =80%**

Want to tell us more? My sister, on Facebook.

11. In the last year, has someone cyber-bullied you?   **Yes: 5 = 9%.**

No: 48 = 91%

12. If you answered Yes to the previous question, who did you tell?

I did not tell anyone: **1 = 20%**

                         OR

I told: my family: **1 = 20%,** my sister: **1 = 20%,** my parents x **2 = 40%.**

13. If/when you were cyber-bullied, what did you do about it?

Block the bully or removed as a friend from Facebook or other similar sites   **Yes: 52 = 98%. No: 1 = 2%**

Spoke to the bully   **Yes: 44 = 83%. No: 9 = 17%**

Told a friend   **Yes: 32 = 60%. No: 21 = 40%**

Stayed offline	Yes: 35 = 66%. No: 18 = 34%
Told adult or family member	Yes: 49 = 93%. No: 4 = 7%
Got back at them	Yes: 0 = 0%. No: 53 = 100%
Did nothing	Yes: 3 = 6%. No: 50 = 94%

Other (please specify) _____

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14. Why do others cyber-bully?

Mixing with the wrong crowd	Yes: 40 = 75%. No: 13 = 25%
People looking for a fight	Yes: 39 = 74%. No: 14 = 26%
Fighting over girls or boys	Yes: 30 = 57%. No: 23 = 43%
Copy cat of news stories	Yes: 17 = 32%. No: 36 = 68%
Boredom	Yes: 39 = 74%. No: 14 = 26%
Bad home life	Yes: 51 = 96%. No: 2 = 4%
Lack of respect for others	Yes: 49 = 93%. No: 4 = 7%
Don't like people with disabilities	Yes: 40 = 75%. No: 13 = 25%
Don't like people from different backgrounds	Yes: 45 = 85%. No: 8 = 15%

Other (please specify) _____

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15. What can be done to stop cyber-bullying?

Teach people how to get along better   Yes: 48 = 90%. No: 5 = 10%

Teach people how to control their anger   Yes: 46 = 87%. No: 7 = 13%

Better education on staying safe online   Yes: 50 = 94%. No: 3 = 6%

Provide more policing and enforcement   Yes: 46 = 87%. No: 7 = 13%

Provide more safe youth centres with entertainment and recreational
facilities   Yes: 45 = 85%. No: 8 = 15%

Increasing Internet filtering options   Yes: 43 = 81%. No: 10 = 19%

Want to tell us more? _____
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16. Are you a...

Boy: 29 = 55%
Girl; 24 = 45%

17. How old are you?

10 years old: 3 = 6%

11 years old: 44 = 83%

12 years old: 6 = 11%

Are you aged between 13 and 18 and want to have your say in the development o
environments? The Australian Parliament is holding an inquiry into cyber-safety is
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done about these issues.

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Cybersafety Questions for students aged 13-18 years:

Please circle the appropriate response:

1. Do you think that you are anonymous when you are online?   **Yes: 5= 12.5%.
No: 35= 87.5%**

**2. What information about yourself is ok to put up on a web page that strangers
might read?**

Your name	**Yes: 29= 72.5%. No: 11= 27.5%**
Your address	**Yes: 0= 0%. No: 40= 100%**
Your telephone number	**Yes: 0= 0%. No: 40= 100%**
Your age or birthday	**Yes: 12= 30%. No: 28= 70%**

Bank account information about your or your family	Yes: 0= 0%. No: 40= 100%
The school you attend	Yes: 5= 12.5%. No: 35= 87.5%
Nude or semi-nude photos to others via text message or email	Yes: 0= 0%. No: 40= 100%
If you are going on holiday	Yes: 10= 25%. No: 30= 75%
Your passwords or email addresses	Yes: 0= 0%. No: 40= 100%
Post photos of others without their permission	Yes: 0= 0%. No: 40= 100%

Would you like to tell us more?
Depends on the website, never reveal any private information online x 4

3. Have you ever felt unsafe on the internet?   Yes: 17= 42.5%. No: 23= 57.5%

Would you like to tell us more?
Webcam hacking should be stopped, posted something but wanted to delete it immediately but couldn't, emails in foreign languages, keyboard fights, unwanted messages from unknown persons.

4. Who would you talk to if you were worried about something you saw on the internet?

Your family	Yes: 35= 87.5%. No: 5= 12.5%
Your friends	Yes: 29= 72.5%. No: 11= 27.5%
Your teacher	Yes: 23= 57.5%. No: 17= 42.5%

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The police	Yes: 35= 87.5%. No: 5= 12.5%

Community group   Yes: 5= 12.5%. No: 35= 87.5%

The administrators of the site   Yes: 21= 52.5%. No: 19= 47.5%

Talk to no one   Yes: 0=0% No: 40=100%

Other (please describe) Anyone with similar problems, Kids Helpline, Journal.

5. Does your family talk about how to stay safe when you are on the Internet?

Yes: 34= 85%.   No: 6= 15%

6. How worried are you about your safety when you are on the Internet?

Would you say...   (Please circle)

Worried all the time: 2= 5%

Worried most of the time: 4= 10%

Worried some of the time: 27= 67.5%

Not worried at all: 7= 17.5%

7. Where did you learn about safety when using the Internet?

At school   Yes: 39= 97.5% No: 1= 2.5%

Information on internet   Yes: 10= 25%. No: 30= 75%

From family   Yes: 37= 92.5%. No: 3=7.5%

From friends   Yes: 22= 55%. No: 18= 45%

Never learnt about it   Yes: 0= 100%

Other (please specify) _____

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8. If you have a Facebook page, MySpace account or other webpage on a social networking site, have you explored the privacy settings provided by these sites? (Please circle)

Yes, I have left them at the default setting: 7= 17.5%

Yes, I have increased them to the highest setting: 21= 52.5%

Yes, but I like everybody being able to access my page, so I don't have any privacy settings enabled: 0= 100%

No

I don't have a social networking page: 12= 30%

I don't know: 0= 100%

9. Do you think more can be done to make it safer online? Yes: 38= 95%

No: 2= 5%

10. What do you think can be done to ensure safety online?

Talk about it more with family	Yes: 36= 90%. No: 4= 10%
Learn about it at school	Yes: 36= 90%. No: 4=10%
Ask friends	Yes: 19= 47.5%. No: 21= 52.5%
More policing and enforcement	Yes: 35= 87.5%. No: 5= 12.5%
Tougher filtering of the Internet	Yes: 38= 95%. No: 2= 5%
Make public internet access such as libraries safer	Yes: 32= 80%. No: 8= 20%
Nothing, it is safe now	Yes: 1= 2.5%

Is there anything else that can be done to make it safer online?

Filter porn out of Google images, age restrictions and Identity verifier x 3, locking websites, no access to people's addresses on white pages website, internet blockages if the site contains a virus, websites have to be approved before they can

be viewed x 2, Ads on TV x 2

11. Of the following activities, what do you think is cyberbullying?

Posting or sending embarrassing photos of someone else Yes: 35= 87.5%. No: 5= 12.5%

Teasing someone in emails   Yes: 38= 95%. No: 2= 5%

Teasing someone in chat rooms   Yes: 38= 95%. No: 2= 5%

Teasing someone in discussion groups   Yes: 33= 82.5%. No: 7= 17.5%

Teasing someone in online social networking sites   Yes: 38= 95%. No: 2=5%

Teasing someone in instant messaging services   Yes: 38= 95%. No: 2=5%

Spreading rumours online   Yes: 37= 92.5%. No: 3= 7.5%

Sending unwanted SMS or emails   Yes: 37= 92.5%. No: 3= 7.5%

Creating fake profiles or websites   Yes: 28= 70%. No: 12= 30%

Are there any other things that are cyber-bullying?
Sexting, hacking accounts to attack online reputations x 2, being teased, changing passwords, blocking others and telling others to do the same, posting information on walls/pages, online threats.

12. Is repeatedly searching someone's facebook page or blog, stalking?

                                Yes: 10= 25%. No: 10= 25%. Don't Know: 20= 50%

13. Would you say that cyber-bullying: (Please circle)

Seems to be increasing: 39= 97.5%

Sees to be decreasing: 0= 100%

Has not changed: 1= 2.5%

14. Of the following groups, who do you think is most often targeted by cyber-

bullies?

Boyfriends: 0= 100%

Girlfriends: 6= 15%

Other friends: 16= 40%

Others at school or at your job: 25= 62.5%

Strangers: 6= 15%

Others (please specify) Classmates, nerds, geeks, anyone different x 2, weak x 4, innocent.

15.In the last 12 months have you seen (but not been involved in) cyber-bullying among young people?   Yes: 24= 60%. No: 16= 40%

If so, can you tell us a bit more about that? Mean texts being sent x 2, inappro-

priate texting x 2, rumour-spreading x 2, nude email fights, gossip pages dedicated to

certain people, walls on Facebook x 3, writing mean things about people who don't

have Facebook on Facebook.

16. In the last 12 months, have you been the victim of cyber-bullying?

Yes: 11= 27.5%. No: 29= 72.5%

17. If you told us that during the past 12 months, you have been the victim of cyber-bullying, who did you tell? (Please circle)

I did not tell anyone: 2= 5%

I told my family: 8= 20%

I told my friends: 6= 15%

I told a teacher: 4= 10%

I told the police: **1= 2.5%**

I told the manager of the website: **1= 2.5%**

I told the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA): **0=100%**

I told (please specify) _____

18. What did you do about it? (Please circle)

Block the bully or removed as a friend from Facebook: **4= 10%**

Confronted the bully: **5= 12.5%**

Told a friend: **3= 7.5%**

Stayed offline: **1= 2.5%**

Told an adult or family member: **6= 15%**

Sought revenge or paid them back: **0= 100%**

Ignored it: **8= 20%**

Other (please specify): Avoided meeting them.

19. In the last 12 months, have you been directly involved in cyber-bullying?

Yes: 6= 15%. No: 34= 85%

20. Please circle the three main factors that lead to cyber-bullying from the list below:

Mixing with the wrong crowd: **18= 45%**

People looking for a fight and/or have an aggressive personality: **15= 37.5%**

Fighting over girls or boys: **9= 22.5%**

Copy cat of news stories: **3= 7.5%**

Boredom: **8= 20%**

Bad home life: **20= 50%**

Lack of respect for others: **11= 27.5%**

Not liking people with disabilities: **7= 17.5%**

Not liking people from different backgrounds: **13= 32.5%**

Other (please specify) Rumour spreading, being different, jealousy.

21. Please circle what you think can be done to reduce cyber-bullying?

Teach people how to get along better: **15= 37.5%**

Teach people how to control their anger: **19= 47.5%**

Better education about staying safe online: **26= 65%**

Provide more policing and enforcement: **22= 55%**

Provide more safe youth centres with entertainment and recreational facilities: **11= 27.5%**

Increasing Internet filtering options: **21= 52.5%**

Please tell us any other things: Ban rude people off Facebook, counselling, more consequences for cyberbullies.

22. Want to tell us more about cyberbullying? Provide more outdoor activities,

I lost my self- respect from being cyberbullied, it hurts deeply, it's cowardly behavior,

more security is needed on Facebook.

23. Are you a Boy or Girl? (please circle): 11 Boys = 27.5%.

29 Girls = 72.5%

24. How old are you?

1-11 Year old student= 2.5%

4-12 Year old student= 10%

30-13 Year old student= 75%

5-14 Year old student= 12.5%.