



*One third of Florida students
have been bullied
in the past 3 months.*

Contact Information

Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay
1 (800) 873-8477
crimestopperstb.com

Report a Bully in Hillsborough
<http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/bully-prevention/about/125-516>

Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Dial 211
<https://www.crisiscenter.com>



Children who are being bullied often:

- Have unexplained injuries
- Demonstrate sudden change in habits or attitudes
- Become moody or anxious
- Begin to complain of headaches, stomachaches or feeling ill
- Start doing poorly in school

Children who bully may:

- Be quick to blame others or refuse to take responsibility for their behavior
- Talk about revenge or get into verbal altercations
- Become friends with other bullies



Hillsborough County



Bullying

An act of coercion or intimidation against another person repeatedly.

Cyber-bullying

“Willful and repeated harm inflicted though the medium of electronic text”

Cyber-bullying can occur anywhere, such as in a child's traditional safe haven — Home.



Bullying is one of the most underreported of all abuses as it generates shame.

Effects of Bullying

- Bullying can cause physical, emotional, and behavioral problems for both the target and the perpetrator.
- Effects include low self-esteem, delinquent behavior, poor school attendance, and negative attitudes.
- Other adverse effects include antisocial behavior, adolescent criminality, drunk driving, and poor educational outcomes.

Bullying in Florida

- 87% of students have witnessed bullying.
- Approximately 33% of students have been bullied and 9% experience this every day.
- 8% of Florida students were in physical fights at school.

Why should you be concerned?

- Approximately 10% of Florida students did not attend at least one day of school in the last 30 days due to bullying.
- 49% of LGBT students experienced some form of cyber-bullying within the past 12 months and 14.8% had experienced electronic bullying frequently.

Resources to help stop bullying

- Dealing with Bullies
<http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/emotion/bullies.html>
- Bullying Prevention
<http://www.fldoe.org/safeschools/bullying.asp>
- Bullying and Guns at School
<http://loveourchildrenusa.org/bullying.php>
- Stopbullying Blog
<http://www.stopbullying.gov/blog>
- Bullying at School and Online
<http://www.education.com/topic/school-bullying-teasing/>
- Measuring Bullying Victimization, Perpetration, and Bystander Experiences
<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/bullycompendium-a.pdf>
- Get KnowBullying, a free app that can prevent bullying
<http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/knowbullying/index.html>



Bullying includes physical violence, harassment, intimidation, and verbal and emotional abuse.